



## Charles Street: Objectors lose fight to stop extra £2m spend

AN ADDITIONAL £2million of public money is being ploughed into the redevelopment of Dorchester's Charles Street area.

Despite continued objections, West Dorset councillors voted to press ahead with the scheme which will see changes to the development in an attempt to make it viable.

Some of the additional money will be used to relocate the Dorchester Community Church from Acland Road to the Trinity Street car park.

Other changes include replacing a planned hotel with 24 open market flats and reducing the amount of underground parking at the site, provided that an equivalent number of spaces are created elsewhere in the town, possibly at the Fairfield.

Council chief executive David Clarke said after last week's stormy council meeting that the decision was good news for Dorchester.

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"The project will bring huge improvements for the county town, new retail opportunities and about 600 jobs which could be filled by local people.

"Although parking at the site would be reduced to 305 spaces under these proposals, Simons are looking at how to create 179 spaces elsewhere, possibly by creating a new deck on Fairfield car park."

Opponents have continued to question the claims, the maths and the logic of the decision and say all the decision has done is add to the potential council tax bills of every person in West Dorset – with no guarantee of success for the £60m commercial scheme.

The development so far is claimed to have already lost the town half a million one-hour parking spaces.

Objector Chris Holmes said it was wrong that the extra £2million was coming out of the pockets of local council tax payers, rather than from developers, Simons.

"Most of this money is to shift a private church off one central car-park onto another central car-park. This is without any public consultation. And this is without any guarantee that Phase 2 of the development will follow."

He is also upset that town centre car-parking spaces may be reduced from 506 to 340.

"Viability Assessment reports are produced regularly by Simons and handed to WDDC officers. Every one of the last six reports, which cover the past three years, has concluded that Phase 2 is not viable.

"And, even worse, that the prospect of viability has been steadily – and is



■ DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH: Council may pay for it to move to Trinity Street

still – deteriorating...

"The next elections can't come soon enough."

Independent Dorchester councillor Alistair Chisholm said he worried that the decision was handing a blank cheque to the developers, with no guarantee that they would not come back and ask for more: "This huge sum of West Dorset District Council taxpayers' money will still not guarantee that a single brick is built."

### Broken jaw in bar attack

A MAN suffered a broken nose and jaw as a result of an early hours assault in Dorchester's Apple Tree Bar in Trinity Street on Sunday.

The incident happened at approximately 1.30am on Sunday, October 28th.

A 40-year-old man from Dorchester was allegedly assaulted in an unprovoked attack at the bar area.

A 36-year-old Dorchester man has been arrested and is assisting officers with their investigation.

Detective Constable Andy Marsh, of Weymouth CID, said: "The victim suffered serious facial injuries as a result of this incident, and I would encourage anyone with any information to contact Dorset Police."

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**JEWELLERY**-maker Lindsay Anderson moved from Hertfordshire to Dorset in 2003, spending the last seven years in Dorchester.

Her experience in the craft world led to her founding Shop Dorset – a shopping website dedicated to promoting local businesses.

The 43-year-old lives with her partner, Neil, six-year-old daughter Daisy and Lottie, the rescue lurcher.

#### ● WHAT is Shop Dorset?

Shop Dorset is a new, networked shopping website featuring a great mix of independent local retailers, food producers, artists and craftspeople. It shows off what a fantastic variety of small enterprises exist in our beautiful county, drawing on a fashionable desire for shopping locally. We now have nearly 100 local enterprises on board and are still growing weekly with space for many more to join.

#### ● WHAT inspired you to set it up?

I have run the Dorset Art and Craft Show for over six years now, as a series of quality events in different venues around the county. I found many of our exhibitors were unsure how best to harness the marketing opportunities the web now offers in terms of developing their businesses and retailing to a wider audience. Having always worked in marketing, I felt I could bring my experience to build something which could really help a wide mix of Dorset businesses pull together to jointly promote their fantastic wares.

#### ● DOES it help customers or businesses?

Both! We are obviously trying to connect shoppers with businesses who offer what they are looking for, and businesses with potential customers for their products. If your Christmas list seems like a daunting challenge this year, just click onto [www.shopdorset.co.uk](http://www.shopdorset.co.uk) and you will find a whole host of original ideas for all, including those hard-to-please family members and friends, all available from the comfort of your own home.

#### ● HAVE you ever turned away a business?

No, not yet luckily. I think the ethos of the site is quite clear, so retailers understand that we are only aiming to attract those businesses who offer quality, appealing products with great customer service.

#### ● HOW did you start making jewellery?

I have been making bead jewellery since I was a child and I have lost none of the simple pleasure that creating your own designs brings since those early attempts. I now specialise in sterling silver designs with gem-



stones, freshwater pearls and beautiful beads and sell my work through Walford Craft Mill and Shop Dorset.

#### ● WHAT are the influences on your designs?

The endless combinations of colours, shapes and textures inspire new pieces – necklaces, bracelets and earrings from easy-to-wear items to special occasion designs created for that wow factor.

#### ● HOW do you manage to juggle work and family life?

A very supportive partner who is man enough to use an iron or oven without it threatening his masculinity. I know I'm lucky to often pick my daughter up from school although it regularly means working late into the evening to repay the privilege but I would be bored if I wasn't so busy and relish new challenges as a way to keep life interesting.

#### ● IS the internet killing the high street?

I think people will always enjoy visiting the high street and the more sociable experience it offers. But with busy lives, the internet can offer an alternative shopping experience when we haven't the time to pound the pavement for what we are looking for. With Shop Dorset you don't lose the personal touch as you are dealing direct with each of our retailers, many of whom are one-man or woman bands.

#### ● WHAT does your daughter make of your jewellery?

She says she wears it and she really likes how pretty it all is. She is very sweet and kind to her mummy! It's lovely to see how all small children are so easily absorbed by crafts, the creative instinct is something we should nurture throughout life.

#### ● WHO would you most like to see wearing your jewellery?

Kate Middleton for the obvious exposure and Aung San Suu Kyi for the credibility.

#### ● WHAT is your favourite shop in the world?

My local deli, The Potting Shed (Olives Et Al) in Poundbury whose chilled and friendly café is a favourite after-school haunt with my daughter. Now they have launched in America, which is a fantastic inspiration for all Dorset enterprises. I also love Kaniki, the Uttam shop in Bath, whose great online presence also reflects the quirky fashion sense of the store.

#### ● WHO would play you in the biopic movie of your life?

I would hope for Cameron Diaz but fear that friends would cast Barbara Windsor instead – something to do with my distinctive laugh!

Click onto [www.shopdorset.co.uk](http://www.shopdorset.co.uk) for great Christmas gifts and enter the site's Christmas Free Prize Draw which offers a Lush gift box worth £100 amongst its great prizes (see site for T&Cs).

The Dorset Art & Craft Show is at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester on Saturday, December 8th, 10am to 4pm with over 50 local artists and craftspeople exhibiting.

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## Mixed feelings at the opening of Dorchester's new cinema

DORCHESTER'S latest cinema, The Odeon, was officially opened last week at a charity screening for the Wessex Autistic Society of the James Bond adventure *Skyfall*, by Downton Abbey creator Lord Julian Fellowes.

The £3m Odeon building, with three screens and more than 400 seats, is the first major building to open in the Brewery Square scheme.

Developer Andrew Wadsworth was there on the evening with his daughter and declared it "a great day for Dorchester."

Not everyone shared his feelings, however, as the Odeon has opened to a Facebook campaign calling for local people to boycott it.

More than 1,000 people have said they support the online campaign which also calls for continued support for the town's Plaza cinema in Trinity Street.

In his speech Lord Fellowes pointedly remarked how thrilling it was to now have two cinemas in Dorchester and added that he wished both success.

Neither cinema was prepared to comment on the Facebook campaign.

But creators of the Facebook page are concerned that the Odeon may threaten the long-term future of The Plaza.

However judging by bookings for the Plaza this

week they have little to worry about – attempts to find a seat at any of the *Skyfall* evening sessions at the Plaza for the whole of this week showed every screening to be completely, or nearly at capacity, with just an occasional single seat left.

Their usual ticket cost of £2.50 for a 2D film in the week and only £3.50 at weekends, will undoubtedly help and anecdotal evidence suggests that many people take advantage of free Dorchester town centre parking to come to the county town to watch a film at the Plaza, rather than pay higher ticket prices at Cineworld.

The Plaza also has a considerable cost advantage over the Odeon with *Skyfall* adult evening tickets this week selling at the Odeon for £7. Spaces were available at every showing on Monday.

Comments on the Facebook site included this: "There is an argument that says if the Plaza is great why should they worry, but the reality is that Odeon is a huge multi million pound corporation, they can afford to operate at a loss for years, and not claw back returns until later on..



■ A GREAT NIGHT FOR DORCHESTER: Developer Andrew Wadsworth and daughter Rosannah at the Odeon charity opening



■ WISHING BOTH CINEMAS SUCCESS: Lord and Lady Fellowes and son Peregrine at the Odeon opening

## Praise for poppy collectors but more are needed

EXTRA collectors are needed to ensure Dorchester remains one of the best towns in the country for poppy appeal collections.

At the launch of this year's appeal several long-serving collectors were praised for their dedication to the annual appeal.

Amongst them was 80-year-old Ann Bendall who has put in 40 years of service to the cause.



■ DEDICATION: Mayor Andy Canning with 80-year-old Ann Bendall who has put in 40 years of service to the poppy appeal, together with other collectors who were honoured for their long service.

Appeal organiser Graham Rhys-Jones said it was collectors like Mrs Bendall who helped Dorchester "punch above its weight", last year collecting a record £26,600 for the appeal.

"The total is high because of the generosity of the people of the town and the determination of people who turn out, year after year, whatever the weather to collect money," he said during the launch of this year's appeal

at the town's Military Museum.

Praise for the collectors also came from Mayor Andy Canning who thanked the volunteers for keeping the memory alive of those who fought in two world wars and other conflicts as well.

But many of the collectors are now unable to commit as many hours as they would like and the appeal is in need of more volunteer collectors to work either door to door, or collecting at fixed points.

In one area of the town alone, Manor Park, the appeal is five collectors short and next year will be eight short.

"We will manage but it makes it easier if there are more people to help out," said organiser for the area Margaret Stephenson who can be telephoned on 01305 267724.

To offer help in other areas of Dorchester please call Dorchester organiser Mr Rhys-Jones on 01305 265807.

In addition to Mrs Bendall, who collects around the area of Whetstones in the Walks, service awards went to Miss Karyn Palmer who has collected for 20 years and Roy Fry who has collected at the County Hospital and elsewhere for 15 years.

Others presented certificates or bars for their collection work were Reg Hawker, Maurice Walker, Anthony Gannon, Keith Simmonds and there was a special award to Colin Part and the Keep Military Museum for its ongoing support of the appeal.

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## Dorset business award winners

### WINNERS and finalists at the Open 4 Business awards

SOME of the area's top businesses were recognised when the annual Open 4 Business Dorset Awards were held in a glittering ceremony at Weymouth College.

Managing director Julie Cleaver said: "I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in making the awards ceremony and dinner an absolute success.

"This has been a tough year for a lot of businesses with many new challenges and opportunities, so tonight provided a great opportunity to get together and celebrate the very best of Dorset business.

"Open 4 Business Dorset continues to bring out the best in local business and we should all be very proud of what we have achieved this year.

"Next year will bring a whole new set of challenges and opportunities

and Open 4 Business Dorset will be there, once again, to celebrate and recognise the very best."

#### RESULTS:

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Twenty-three members of the Dorsetshire Regiment who died in combat on the North West Frontier were remembered by members of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association, and Devonshire and Dorset Regiment Association at the Tirah Memorial.

The memorial commemorates those who lost their lives in 1897/8 following serious unrest on the North West frontier involving a series of attacks on forts. A large Field Force of 36,000 British and Indian troops was sent to the region to restore order. The 1st Devons and 1st Dorsets were part of this Field Force, amongst them Private Sam Vickery who was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry, the only one won by the Regiment.

The memorial obelisk was paid for by public subscription and was unveiled in 1900 by the Earl of Ilchester.

The service was conducted by the Reverend Canon Harold Stevens, and The Mayor of Dorchester,



■ REMEMBRANCE: Left to right Major Nick Speakman MBE TD, Councillor Andy Canning, Canon Harold Stephens and Lt Col GS Nicholls.

Andy Canning read the lesson.

"I was delighted with the attendance of 80 people at the moving act of commemoration for the 23 soldiers of the Dorsetshire Regiment who lost their lives on the North-West frontier of India in 1897-98 near the Kyber Pass...

The event was made all the more poignant by the news in the evening of the deaths of two more members of our armed forces in that region. It is important to remember with pride," said Major Nick Speakman from the Keep Military Museum, who organised the event.

Museum Curator Captain Colin Parr added: "Remembrance and commemoration are two variations of a theme that I believe we all should consider taking part in at least once a year.

"Remembrance is a sobering occasion but it is an occasion where every-

one can take a small amount of time to remember all those who lost their lives during war and conflict so that we can enjoy the way we live today in a free society. I remember the Kohima tribute which ends 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'! Lest we forget!"

Dorchester students facing hurricane in the USA  
Thomas Hardy School sixth formers on a trip to America have hunkered down in Boston in the face of Hurricane Sandy.

The group have had their trip to New York postponed and are now anxiously waiting to see if their return flights to the UK are affected.

On Monday the group had to get back to their hotel before public transport shut down at 2.00pm.

A planned visit to the Fine Arts Museum was cancelled as the building was closed. "We have stocked up with snacks and porridge. Fortunately the hotel restaurant and bar are open as usual," said one of the tutors in a message home.

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## Cold weather can't deter the cub scouts

BITTERLY cold winds failed to stop Cub Scouts from the Central Dorchester group hiking around Maiden Castle at the weekend.

The cubs, pictured, aged between 8 and 11, walked circuits around the rings, accompanied by adults, to raise funds for the Joseph Weld Hospice.

Sponsorship will mostly come from family and friends but donations are being invited from others who would like to support their efforts.

The pack currently has about 30 members after being merged with the Sawmills group last year.

Meetings are usually held on Monday evenings.

English Heritage gave the group special permission to erect a couple of tents close to the monument car park to provide the Cub Scouts, their leaders and supporters, with a base for the venture.

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## Conservation debate

A PUBLIC debate about conservation and the loss of endangered species is being planned as part of a community lecture series in Dorchester later this month.

The Café Scientifique event will take place at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, November 23rd.

Award winning photographer and zoologist Nick Garbutt, an adviser for TV series 'Planet Earth' and 'The Life of Mammals', will lead the debate.

The event is held in association with The Thomas Hardy School.

Door and the bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Admission is free.

## All Souls' service

**AN ANNUAL** All Souls' Service will be held in Woodsford Church next Thursday, November 1st, to remember those who have died.

The service will be held at 7pm with the church sending out invitations to those who have lost loved ones during the past year, but all are welcome to come along.

There will be a list as people enter, so that any names can be added to be read out, and participants will be given a candle to come forward and light during the service if they wish to.

## Schools' concert

**DORCHESTER** pupils will join up with Imperial College, London for a combined concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday (3rd) evening.

Youngsters from the town's three middle schools and the Thomas Hardy Singers will take to the stage at 7.30pm.

Amongst the programme will be Vaughan Williams' English Folk Song Suite and music from Elgar and Stanford.

Tickets cost £9 and are available from Nicholl World Travel, the Thomas Hardy School office and, subject to demand, may be available on the door.

## Bonfire and fireworks

**DORCHESTER** Rugby Club will be holding a bonfire, fireworks and a hog roast on November 5th.

Gates open at the Coburg Road club at 6pm with fireworks at 7.30pm.

# Recognition for volunteers



■ ALAN MURPHY from Cowden Care Farm receives his award from the Mayor of Dorchester Andy Canning



■ BARBARA POWELL Home Start West Dorset

DOZENS of volunteers who give up their time to help others have been honoured at an awards evening in Dorchester.

The Dorchester-based Volunteer Centre Dorset celebrated individuals and groups from across the county who make life better for others.

They varied from volunteers who have been working in groups, or alone, for more than 30 years, to helpers who have given up a year of their time.

"The volunteer spirit is alive and well in Dorset...the contributions volunteers make is incalculable and life in the county would be poorer without them," said Lord Lieutenant Valerie Pitt-Rivers, who along with Dorchester Mayor, Andy Canning, presented the awards.

The county town was well represented at the ceremony with youth awards to Michael Taylor and Rory Major at Dorchester Youth Centre

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and Sol Gilday-Evans from the Dorchester and District Amateur Boxing Club.

In the adult section awards went to William Parmiter who has worked for 15 years with the European Conservation Action Network and also in Dorchester's Borough Gardens; Keith and Helen Hicks for the fund raising for Julia's House; Mike Stein from Dorchester Neighbourhood Cars; Barbara Powell from Home-Start West Dorset; Nigel Spring, organiser of the European Conservation Action Network; Alan Murphy from Cowden Care Farm at Charmminster; Daniel Smy from the Footprints Project; Rosie Barfoot from the Phoenix Legacy; Anna Barnes from Crossways Youth Centre; Felicity McLaren from Dorch-

ester Stop the Drop (anti-litter) group; Liz Silk from Dorset Youth Association; The Hub volunteers, including 92-year-old Horace Taylor who received a special award; Friends of Dorchester West Station; the Women's Action Network Dorset (WAND); Age UK Dorchester shop team; Dorchester Food Bank; Crossways Youth and Community Centre; Dorchester Stop the Drop and Dorchester Young Remembers.

Group awards were also given to volunteers from The Acorns; The Stroke Association and St John Ambulance.

Deputy Manager of Volunteer Dorset, Craig Womble said the evening, which was attended by around 150 people, had been a fantastic celebration of the contribution people make to society: "Volunteers new and old have really gone that little bit further and have really made it a year to remember."



■ DANIEL SMY Footprints



■ FELICITY MCLAREN Dorchester Stop the Drop

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■ DORCHESTER FOOD BANK Dr Peter Johnston



■ DORCHESTER Hub Volunteers Dr Margaret Barker Horace Taylor ad Andy Dickman receive their award from Lord Lieutenant Valerie Pitt-Rivers



■ LIZ SILK Dorchester Youth Association



■ WILLIAM PARMITER conservation volunteer



■ DORCHESTER Young Remembers



■ FRIENDS OF DORCHESTER WEST STATION Wally Gundry and Sue Blake



■ PHOENIX LEGACY Maria Waterman, Rosie Barfoot and Gill Slade



■ SOL GILDAY-EVANS from Dorch & District Amateur Boxing Club



■ DORCHESTER STOP THE DROP Linda Williams and Felicity McLaren

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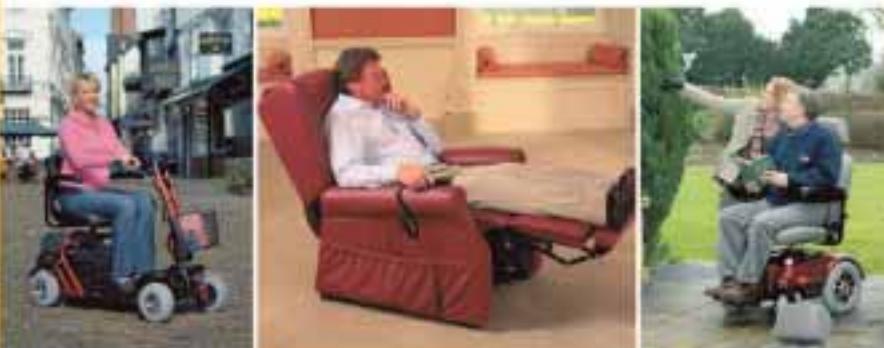
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# Top Tips for your Lawn this Autumn

The next few months are very important if you want to create a beautiful lawn for next year. For your best-ever lawn, follow these five simple tips...

## Mow it Properly

The best thing you can do for your lawn is to make sure you're cutting it correctly. Many problems are caused by not mowing it often enough, then cutting it far too short when you do. In autumn you'll need to mow less frequently than in summer as grass grows less quickly, but don't let it get too long. If the grass is a little long as spring approaches, mow in a couple of stages - try not to take more than a third off its length in any one cut.

Ideally your lawn should be kept between 3cms and 4cms high.

Collect lawn cuttings - dead grass will starve your lawn of essential water and light, and encourage excessive thatch and a build-up of moss.

Make sure your lawn mower is up to the job too. Consider getting it serviced to ensure blades are sharp, the engine is running well and the power cable is free of any damage.

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Clear up leaves

## Clear up Leaves

Sweep up leaves regularly. If left on the lawn, they reduce the amount of light getting to the grass and if left for too long, will smother the grass over the winter. This leads to bare patches that are vulnerable to disease in spring. Removing leaves also helps prevent moss as leaves allow water to settle on the lawn.

## Get on Top of the Moss

Moss is most prolific between autumn and spring, and some lawn conditions make it more likely to thrive. Lawns that are compacted due to regular usage and footfall (particularly common in soil with a high clay content) can't dissipate water from the surface - and moss loves these damp conditions. Gardens with a lot of thatch are also high risk. Made up of stems, roots and leaves, thatch forms a mat on the lawn's surface, preventing moisture, oxygen and nutrients reaching the roots. Moss also loves shady conditions. If your lawn is particularly shady, consider re-seeding with a shade-tolerant grass seed.



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## Consider Mechanical Treatments

For many lawns, mechanical treatments are the only way to prevent the build-up of moss. Hollow-Tine Aeration alleviates compaction and involves punching out thousands of cores from the lawn to allow air, water and nutrients to reach the roots. Next season, your grass will look thicker and healthier. Scarification uses a machine with blades and knives to reduce thatch. It's a much more rigorous and effective process than raking. Reduction of thatch will considerably improve moss levels.

## Watch Out for Common Problems

Keep an eye out for unusual patches or discolouration of the lawn, which can indicate a fungal infection. If dealt with early, this is easily remedied but if ignored, can have devastating effects.

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## Mosaics on show

A MOSAICS exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum this weekend with an accompanying lecture on November 8th.

"A World in Fragments" is the work of mosaic artist Robert Field and showcases a range of mosaics inspired by his travels around the world. Subjects include birds, flowers, landscapes and designs inspired by architecture, geology and Gothic and Art Deco images.

Before taking early retirement from teaching, Robert started travelling widely in the Roman world studying and photographing mosaics. This took him to Italy, North Africa and the Near East, Cyprus and Spain and later to Greece and Turkey to see Byzantine examples. Following this he began to study Victorian and modern mosaics which he has examined and photographed extensively in Britain as well as in Europe and America.

Also a successful author, Robert has written six books on geometric patterns which are used by many people as a source of creative design in subjects as diverse as embroidery, patio paving, knitwear and quilt making.

As part of the mosaics theme, Robert will be giving a lecture on Thursday, November 8th at 7 for 7.30pm. The lecture is entitled 'Mosaic Art: Past and Present' and entry is free.

The exhibition runs from November 3rd to January 26th and entry is free.



■ 'POOL REFLECTIONS' by Robert Field

# It's never too late to have a go at something different

by Trevor Bevins  
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COMMUNITY singing, circus skills and citizen journalism all featured at a day long learning event in Dorchester on Saturday.

Free taster sessions and workshops were on offer together with the chance to question local training providers and groups which offer a range of adult courses, both for fun and career development.

The event, in the Town Hall, was organised by Unionlearn, the education arm of the TUC, who joined forces with UNIONSON's Dorset County Council Branch to put on a day-long event as part of this year's nationwide Celebration of Learning.

"It was a celebration of learning with a really wide range of contributors showing just what there is on offer in the county...the idea was to promote the idea of adult learning," said organiser Keith Hatch from Unionlearn.

Amongst the organisations taking part were Dorset Adult Learning, the Workers Education Association, Dorset Wildlife Trust and Read Easy. Participants, which amounted to

around a hundred during the day, could also try their hand at circus skills, digital photography and community singing.

Amanda Brown, Assistant Branch Secretary with Unison Dorset County Branch said: "This was a great event that brought along exciting learning opportunities, local providers and community groups together to demonstrate that

it's never too late to have a go at something different and learn a new skill."

"Trade unions have always led the way supported learning in the workplace, but events like Celebration of Learning show that we also support learning in the wider community and want to bring the benefits of learning to everyone."

Gill Keniston-Goble is

the local Course Programme Worker for the WEA. Gill, who enjoyed the event and found it really useful, said: "It was nice to be able to make contact with other people working in the area in a similar field."

"One of the hardest things for us in the WEA is choosing which courses are chosen by potential students. It's the getting out and asking people what they would like which is challenging."



■ UNION Learning Rep Jill Milldon shows some sewing skills



## Do-it-yourself litter patrol

NEIGHBOURS rallied round to answer a plea to tackle litter in and around Hawthorne Close.

Tracy Privett prepared a leaflet and organised a litter pick after getting fed up with seeing increasing amounts of litter, including fly tipping in the area.

She was delighted when ten local residents turned up at 1030 on Sunday morning. Day-glo tabards, litter pickers, gloves and rubbish bags, provided by West Dorset and the local branch of The Campaign to Protect Rural England were quickly distributed and the litter attack was underway.

The team covered Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne Close, Mountain Ash Road, Prospect Road, St Thomas Road, and the alleyways in between. Within an hour and a half the group had completed their task finishing with a dozen bags of litter, a pile of rugs that had been dumped as well as a large fish tank!

Amongst those participating were: Tracy Privett, Clive, Ros and Alice Padgett, Sue White, Lucy Johns, Chris Cunningham, Sandra Pike, Adam and Rachel Fitzgerald, pictured (above) with the litter they collected.

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## Whatever happened to localism

■ WE MAY have had doubts before, but after Thursday's decision by West Dorset District Council to put a further £2million into Phase 2 of the Charles Street project, we now know for certain that the much vaunted policy of "localism" is nothing more than a figleaf to hide a carte blanche charter for developers.

The words of our MP, Oliver Letwin, published on his blog (<http://www.oliverletwinmp.com/archives/442>) are worth reading once again if only to enjoy the hollow ringing sound which accompanies them.

"The people primarily responsible for forming a vision of Dorchester in a plan for Dorchester ought, surely, to be the people of Dorchester . . . the power to determine what can and cannot be built in Dorchester should lie with Dorchester, just as the power to determine what happens in Sherborne should lie with Sherborne . . ."

In the face of local opposition,

clearly expressed by the town council and reinforced by 93 per cent of voters in a subsequent town poll, WDDC bulldozed through their plans for new offices and will soon be moving into Titanic Towers on Charles Street.

Not content with riding roughshod over this clear expression of local views, they have now agreed to spend another £2million of our money (the equivalent of £110 from every West Dorset household) to help Simons the developer once again by paying for 'preparatory' works which we were promised would be paid for with private funds found by the developer.

Not only is the public purse being asked to fund parts of this scheme that we were promised would be funded by the private sector, but the scheme itself is being altered very significantly.

The hotel has gone (and with it many of the 600 new jobs promised), car parking on the site has

been reduced by over 150 spaces (the serious concerns about this 'amendment' to the scheme expressed by a leading local business completely ignored) and there is to be no comprehensive archaeological investigation into what was termed by the planning inspector as a site of national importance.

I believe these profound changes in themselves make the scheme much less viable but WDDC appear not to consider such trifles in their desperate attempt to save face. Requests to pause and reflect on all the options now open to them were rejected and a very hasty decision has been made which the town may live to regret over the next few decades.

Perhaps the most galling factor in the whole of this tragic affair is that these decisions affecting Dorchester have all been taken by councillors representing parts of West Dorset outside the town.

*Alistair Chisholm  
Dorchester*

## No embarrassment from our councillors?

■ THE WDDC FULL council meeting scheduled to decide whether to give £2m public funds to developers Simons for the Charles Street development started with a proposition from Councillor Tim Harries to provide standing room for the numerous public who were left outside in corridors.

A vote was taken and 33 councillors, exclusively Conservative, out of 48 voted to effectively deny the public entry.

The same councillors then voted not to delay the decision, even though Councillor Robin Legg had just newly informed the council that the project had been deemed as unviable since 2009 with four further assessments recording increasing unviability.

This demonstration of unity, demanded by leader

Robert Gould to show 'confidence' is impressive, evidently powerful enough to even move a church from one car park to another.

Impressive too is the lack of embarrassment or acknowledgement of responsibility for the financially disastrous project which has already forced dozens of shops in Dorchester's centre out of business and leaves the taxpayer with the bill.

But while cutbacks in public services continue, it's interesting that these 33 councillors will happily use most of our £2m to move a church. This comes in the wake of news that funds to pay for new council offices are also £2m short of calculations.

*Andrew Leppard  
Bridport*

## The next elections can't come soon enough'

■ EVERY council-taxpaying household in West Dorset District - from Lyme Regis to Puddletown, from Sherborne to Chicklere - ought to know this: [1] Our council (WDDC) has just approved that an extra £2million spending on Dorchester's stalled Charles Street project will now come out of taxpayers' pockets instead of those of the developer, Simons.

Most of this money is to shift a private church off one central car-park onto another central car-park. This is without any public consultation. And this is without any guarantee that Phase 2 of the development will follow.

[2] Roger Gould (no relation to

WDDC Leader Robert Gould), Director of Dorchester's biggest privately-owned store and a long-time supporter of the retail-led development scheme, now says: "It is inconceivable that this new scheme could be viable with a significant reduction in adjacent car parking spaces."

Town centre car-park spaces are set to be reduced from 506 to 340.

[3] Viability Assessment reports are produced regularly by Simons and handed to WDDC officers. Every one of the last six reports, which cover the past three years, has concluded that Phase 2 is not viable. And, even worse, that the prospect of viability has been

steadily - and is still - deteriorating.

Dismissing all of the above, the ruling party used its majority - several of whom appeared to be grinning in victory (or, just possibly, in sheer embarrassment) - to shovel another £2million of our money into this supposedly private enterprise zone of Charles Street.

The vote was recorded and we are entitled to know which way every councillor voted. The next elections can't come soon enough.

*Chris Holmes  
Dorchester*

## Wildlife trust call for badger cull to be abandoned

DORSET Wildlife Trust is urging the Government to listen after MPs backed a motion to abandon the planned badger cull.

The trust continues to call on the Government to permanently scrap the cull and throw its weight behind better, lower risk, ways of tackling the disease.

Last Tuesday it was announced that pilot culling schemes in Gloucestershire and Somerset would be delayed until 2013, following a request from the farmers carrying out the cull.

The vote followed a five and a half hour Parliamentary debate, triggered after more than 163,000 people signed a petition opposing the cull.

Imogen Davenport, Director of Conservation at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "We are acutely aware of the hardship that bovine TB causes to farmers and we all want a solution to the problem. A cull is predicted to reduce bTB by only 16 per cent at best, and could make it worse."

Dorset is one of 12 Wildlife Trusts working on badger vaccination pro-

grammes as already being undertaken by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Paul Wilkinson, Head of Living Landscape for The Wildlife Trusts, said: "A badger vaccine is available now and improved biosecurity measures can help to reduce the spread of the disease. In the longer term a cattle vaccine can play a very real part in helping deal with the problem and the Government should now be putting the effort into ensuring this vaccine can be deployed as soon as possible."



## Art group success

**DORCHESTER** Art Club says its open exhibition at the Dorset County Museum has generated both interest in the club and sales for its members.

Visitors included school parties who joined in the words and pictures creative writing programme that ran alongside the showing of sculptures, paintings and prints.

The prize winners were: The Edward Grassby Memorial Cup, Mary Lucroft with a picture of Dorchester; The Most Popular Painting, Tony Paul with 3 Generations; The Herring Award for the Effect of Light, Tony Paul with Horses in the Frome at Morton; The DAC Award for The Exhibition Committee's Favourite Picture, Margaret Tacon with The Trotters; The Lesley Phillips Trophy for A Dorset Scene, Iris McCrow with Weymouth Harbour; The Stella & Trevor Jones Trophy for Contemporary Art, Mike Jackson with Evening Landscape.

## Flower club meetings

**OWERMOIGNE** Flower Club started its autumn season with an afternoon talk with slides by Rosemary Legrand - 'Flowers of the North Island of New Zealand'.

The group's next meeting will be on November 20th with a demonstration by Jenny Winstone - 'Christmas Sparkle'.

The Flower Club meets every third Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 2pm. Visitors are welcome at a fee of £4 per person for demonstrations, but please note that workshop/members' practice meetings are for members only.

Further details are available from Penelope Lane on 01305 263236.

## Handbell ringing

**CROSSWAYS** Village Handbell Ringers are inviting potential new members to go along and have a go.

The group meet at Summer Cottage on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9pm.

Participants do not have to read music - but should be able to count! Full tuition is given and the group says that now is an excellent time to start as they are always popular for Christmas.

If you would like to know more, please ring Andrew Brewer on 01035 853125.



■ MIKE Corbin with his gigantic pumpkin. But is it a Dorchester record for this year?

**DORCHESTER** gardener Mike Corbin produced this monster pumpkin on his allotment in the town.

It took three people to lift it so he could get it home. Measuring well over five feet in circumference we think it could be the biggest specimen grown in Dorchester this year ... unless you know better!

And Mike, who lives in Coburg Road, has generously offered it to a good cause who might like to turn it into soup or bake slices of it.

He claims there is no real secret to growing the pumpkin, other than good seed to start with, plenty of natural nutrients and, of course, something we have had plenty of this year - rain.

If you are involved with a charity or community organisation and would like Mike's monster pumpkin please contact Dorchester reporter Trevor Bevins via email - [trevorbevins@gmail.com](mailto:trevorbevins@gmail.com) or telephone him on 07763 535778 and we will put you in touch.

## MP plays auctioneer

HOLIDAY vouchers, a BBC tour and tea for two at the House of Commons are amongst the lots at a Dream Auction being held in Dorchester this Friday (2nd).

The sale, with MP Oliver Letwin as auctioneer, will raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

It takes place in the Brownsword Hall, Poundbury from 7pm with a chance to preview the lots over a glass of wine and canapés. The auction will start at 8pm and the evening will also include a raffle.

Other auction lots include a tour of the sub-tropical gardens at Abbotsbury with the curator, Steve Griffith, including tea and choice of plants from the nursery; lunch or dinner with Lord & Lady Fellowes and Downton Abbey memorabilia; a unique handmade patchwork quilt by Maxine; three months membership of Weymouth Fitness Centre; a day's one to one photography tuition with wildlife photographer Ian Green in Gloucestershire or Somerset and a garden design consultation including sketch proposal for a private garden by Giles Woodford.

Tickets and programmes are available by calling 01305 267185 or 01258 837770, or, in person, from - Artisan, 4 Lower Blakemere Road, Poundbury.

## Over 50s African dance

AN OVER 50's Dance Afrika workshop is being held at Dorchester Arts Centre on Saturday.

The November 3rd session of West African dance, with live percussion, will be led by Natasha Player of Z Movements from 2-5pm.

Dance Afrika explores fundamentals of African Movement, exploring rhythm rooted in African Dance, and uses contemporary and traditional choreography.

"This workshop offers a safe space to express creativity and find a style of movement. All participants need is bare feet, loose clothes and water.

Tickets cost £12. To book a place ring Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Natasha Player on 07799 677638 or email: [info@zmovements.co.uk](mailto:info@zmovements.co.uk)

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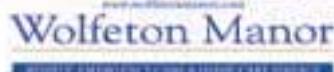
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Insurers have previously been able to argue that men and women present different risks and so their rates and premiums should be calculated differently, however the European Court of Justice has found this to be unlawful and so is bringing insurance in line with European laws that do not allow companies to discriminate by gender when offering services or goods. The result of this is that women's insurance premiums could go up by 15%.

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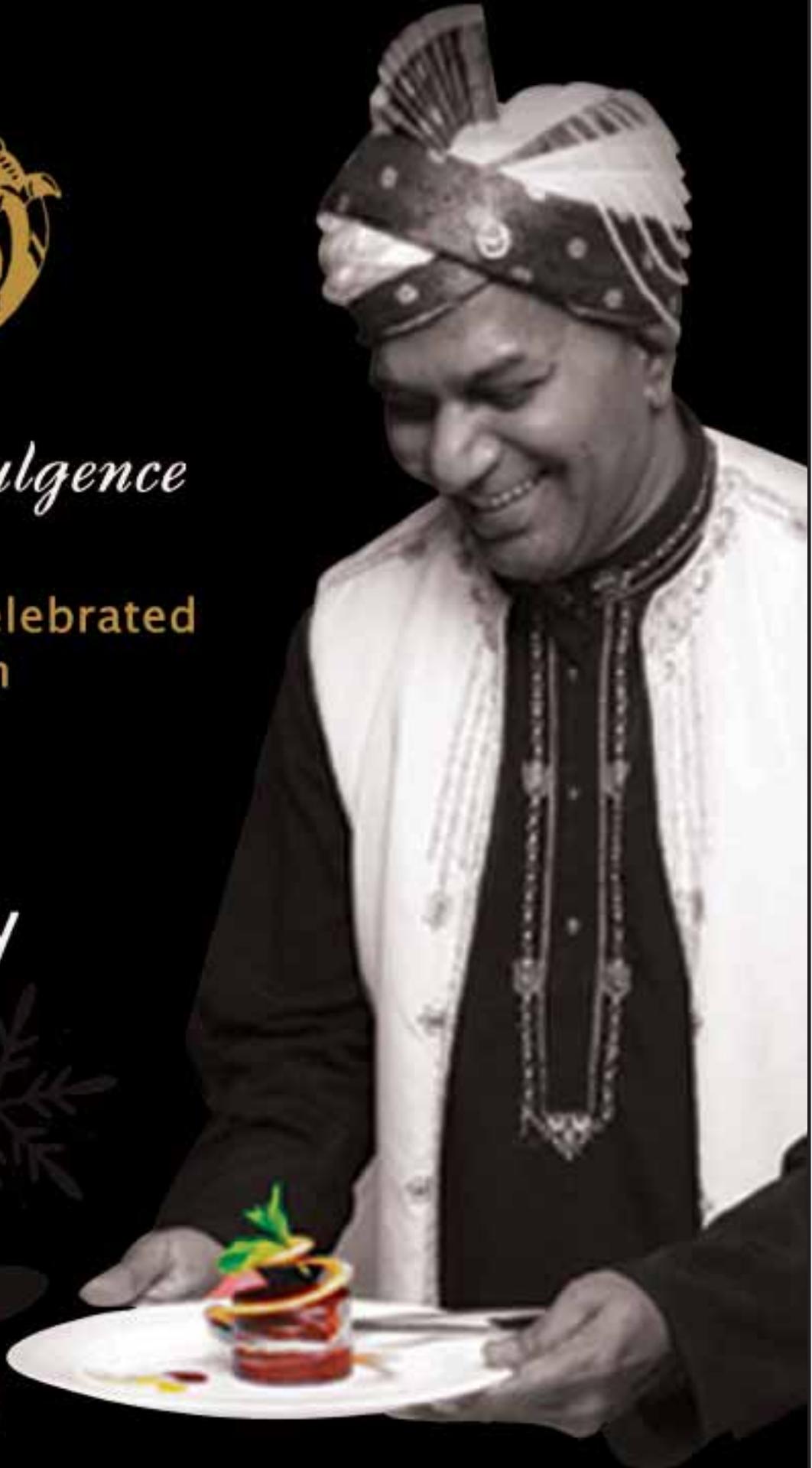
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Last year, Ben was instrumental in re-forming The Rolling Stones to cut his star-studded tribute album to Ian Stewart (Boogie4Stu) which featured all the members of The Rolling Stones, Jools Holland and PJ Harvey. The proceeds from the album have already amassed a whopping £20,000 which has been donated to The British Heart Foundation, in memory of the late Ian Stewart who died of a sudden heart attack at a young age.

Ben has toured with the incredible ABC&D of Boogie Woogie which also features Axel Zwingenberger, Dave Green and Charlie Watts.

Ben Waters and Jools Holland



This November and December, Ben will be touring the UK on 227 dates, performing music from "Boogie4Stu" as well as an eclectic mix of seminal rock 'n' roll, boogie woogie, blues and rip-roaring originals in this rare solo tour.

Ben has also performed for HRH Prince Charles and at the actor and fellow musician, Hugh Laurie's 50th Birthday Party, plus countless corporate events across the globe.

Ben's forthcoming tour will provide audiences with a foot-stomping performance that will leave them wanting more.

The forthcoming concert at Dorset County Museum takes place at 8pm on Saturday, November 17th. Tickets cost £12 and are available now from the Museum Shop at Dorset County Museum on 01305 756827 or email [shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org](mailto:shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org). Doors open at 7.30pm.

## Local teenage jazz sensation to sing at Coach & Horses

TEENAGE jazz sensation Bronte Kirkby will be performing at the Coach & Horses in Winterbourne Abbas on Tuesday, November 6th.

Seventeen year old Bronte, a student at Thomas Hardy School, will be performing at the Inn as part of a special weekly pizza and music evening which will run until December.

Bronte, currently studying for A levels and hoping for a Vocal Performance Degree, grew up listening to Motown groups such as The Four Tops and The Supremes, as well as Fleetwood Mac and Eva Cassidy, before being drawn to jazz and blues stars such as Etta James, Sarah Vaughan and Billie Holiday.

You can often find Bronte busking in Dorchester and Weymouth, as well as supporting other acts, and she also performs with four big bands in the Dorset area.

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Home cured salmon with crème fraîche and pickled cucumber

Capricorn goats cheese on a homemade crostini with beetroot puree and candied walnuts

#### Main Courses

Roast turkey with pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, vegetables and cranberry relish

Confit of duck with mashed root vegetables and an orange & star anise sauce

Lyme bay catch of the day with braised leeks, anchovy butter and sauté potatoes.

Butternut squash, roasted fennel and spinach terrine.

With a white bean puree and celeriac gratin

#### Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy butter

Lemon posset, St. Clements sorbet and limoncello

Chocolate, amaretto and hazelnut tart with vanilla bean ice cream

Local cheese with homemade chutney and fudges biscuits

#### To Finish

Coffee and a homemade mince pie

**Christmas party bookings taken from 1st December until 21st December.**

**Price per person: £25 for three courses, coffee and a mince pie.**

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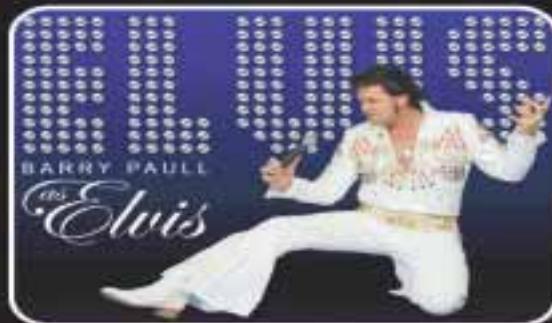
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## The Bay Leaf Restaurant, Lyme Regis

# Book Early for Christmas Day at The Bay Leaf

SPACE is rapidly filling up for Christmas Day at The Bay Leaf Restaurant in Lyme Regis; so make sure you reserve your table soon. Served at 12:30pm, you will be greeted with a glass of Champagne on arrival, and treated to a luxurious five-course meal.

Head Chef Steve Batey learnt his trade working in local restaurants in and around Lyme Regis and London, as well as spending 3 years working for the Celebrity Chef and Patron, Mark Hix, at his Oyster and Fish House. Steve has a great passion for food and through 'The Bay Leaf' incorporates as much fresh, locally sourced ingredients as possible to his contemporary take on English cooking. As such the menu reflects seasonal changes as well as availability of ingredients.

The new winter menu has recently been launched at The Bay Leaf Restaurant and will be available for Christmas parties along with the festive specials, including Roast Gressingham Goose with Apricot, Pancetta and Hazelnut Stuffing. With a complimentary bottle of house wine for every 6 people, The Bay Leaf Restaurant is the perfect destination for your Christmas Party.



## Christmas Day Menu

A Glass of champagne on arrival  
£20.00<sup>00</sup>

### Starter

Roast Chestnut, Squash,  
Bramley Apple Soup  
with Granary Bread  
Chicken Liver Parfait  
with Brioche, Cranberries  
and Garden Herbs

Pan-fried Herring Melts on Toast  
with Capers, Lemon and Parsley  
£20.00<sup>00</sup>

Champagne and Lime Sorbet  
£20.00<sup>00</sup>

### Main

Roast Gressingham Goose, Apricot,  
Pancetta and Hazelnut Stuffing,  
Yorkshire Pudding, Buttery Shallot  
Bread Sauce and Pan Juices  
£55

Baked Poole Turbot, Orange Fennel  
and Sauce Au Vin Blanc

Meille Fueille of Three Cheese  
Polenta, Aubergine and Portobello  
Mushroom with Sauce Vierge  
and Battered Scallions

All served with a selection of seasonal  
vegetables and roast potatoes  
£20.00<sup>00</sup>

### Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served  
with Brandy Custard

Winter Berry Trifle  
with Creme de Cassis and Chantilly Cream

White Chocolate Fondant  
with Chocolate Ice Cream  
£20.00<sup>00</sup>

And to finish Coffee served with  
Homemade Mince Pie and Petit Fours



## George Inn, Chardstock

THE proprietors of this beautiful and historical Inn would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all visitors.

The George Inn is a family run public house and restaurant and we recognise the importance of the comfort of your visit.

So please feel free to indulge in our warm friendly hospitality and relax in the fine old surroundings of this fascinating and ancient building.

Remember: Relax & enjoy your time with us.

### So much more than just a pub

The George in Chardstock offers so much more than a comfortable welcoming watering hole.

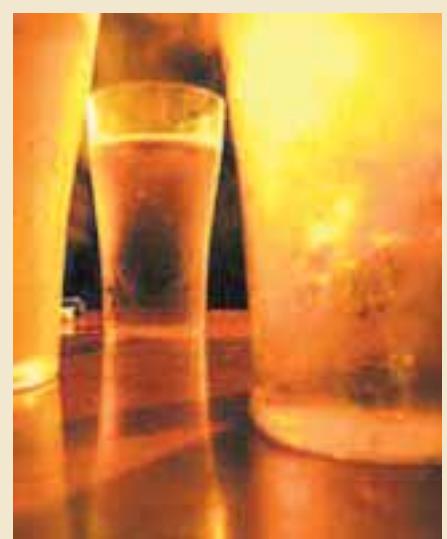
Characterful rooms await your great nights rest all with En Suite facilities.

Great food from full english breakfast, good honest pub grub through to gourmet meals, the choice is yours to suit your mood.

Fun and games with

tradition pub gaming including Skittles, Pool, Darts and quiz nights.

The george is truly a centre of the village of chardstock for local life and visitors both.



**Join** us at The George Inn at Chardstock for a wonderful Christmas dinner. Enjoy our friendly atmosphere to make your evening an unforgettable experience with Anne-Marie, Dominic and the family. We cater for small intimate parties to groups of up to 40 people, whatever your needs we will ensure your christmas party goes off with a swing.

### The Menu

Traditional Christmas fare will be served to include.  
Roast turkey and beef, as well as Salmon En Croute and Mushroom Hazelnut Roulade. A fantastic assortment of starters and sweets are available for your delight.

**Book Now** places available for a full 3 course Christmas meal with a free complimentary glass of Mulled Wine on your arrival.  
Adults £21, Children (under 12) £11.95

**Merry Christmas from The George Inn Chardstock**

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## Wheelwright Inn, Colyford

HERE at The Wheelwright Inn we have a genuine enthusiasm for food and want this to shine through everything we do. From the first cooked meal of the day to the last fresh coffee of the evening, consistent quality is paramount. Our close-knit team of chefs fervently believe that offering the best food revolves entirely around the very freshest, locally sourced ingredients, simply prepared and elegantly presented. Nothing pretentious or unnecessarily complicated, just very good, honest food. Our Christmas Party Menu will be served from 1st December until the 24th December. Christmas Day Lunch will be served from 12 noon and last sitting at 2pm. A non-refundable deposit of £5 per person for the Christmas Lunch and Evening Menu and £10 per person for Christmas Day secures your booking. A receipt for your deposit will be issued and deducted from your final bill.

Please telephone first to confirm your availability of your required date and make a provisional booking and then complete a booking

### Christmas Lunch Menu

~ £16.95 per person

Available from 1st 24th December 2012

#### Starters

**Prawn Cocktail**  
with Marie Rose sauce

**Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Soup v**  
rustic bread, seasoned butter

**Potted Pork Juniper and Thyme**

With marmalade of apples and raisins

#### Main Courses

**Roast Free Range Bronze Turkey**

Served the traditional way

**Branscombe Fish Pie**

cod, salmon, and smoked haddock, seasonal vegetables.

**Roasted Butternut Squash and Chickpea Tagine**

infused orange cous cous with coriander yogurt, toasted pumpkin seeds, flat bread.

#### Desserts

**Traditional Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce**  
**Crème Brûlée and shortbread biscuit**

**Warm Chocolate Fondant**  
vanilla ice cream

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTMAS DAY MENU

£60.00 per adult £25.00 per child under 12 years

#### UPON ARRIVAL

Bucks Fizz and Canapés

#### STARTERS

Prawn and Smoked Salmon, lemon and dill mayonnaise  
Cream of Cauliflower Soup with truffle oil and croutons  
Pheasant and Ham Hock Terrine, pickled vegetables, caramelised figs and pears  
Goats Cheese Mousse, pickled beetroot, radish, pear (v)  
Roast Pigeon Breast, bubble and squeak, Madeira jus

#### MAIN COURSES

Roast Free Range Bronze Turkey, served the traditional way  
Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce, parsnip puree, game chips  
Roasted Butternut Squash and Chickpea Tagine (v)  
infused orange cous cous with coriander yogurt, toasted pumpkin seeds, flat bread  
Roast Sirloin of Devon Beef, Yorkshire pudding, horseradish cream and all the trimmings

#### DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce  
Crème Brûlée and shortbread biscuit  
Warm Chocolate Fondant, vanilla ice cream  
Raspberry and Sherry Trifle  
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## Harbour Inn, Axmouth

AT THE Harbour Inn, your welcome will always be a warm one. Our hospitable staff, rustic décor and cosy log fires combine to offer a haven for tourists, locals and families alike.

The inn is located in the picturesque East Devon village of Axmouth, just a stone's throw from the Axe Estuary.

Whether you're visiting for a meal, a snack or just a drink, our cosy bar feels like a relaxing home from home. Our staff extend a friendly welcome, our crackling log fire keeps you toasty when it's cold, and our down-to-earth atmosphere helps you switch off from it all.

Whatever you choose to do here, you're bound to enjoy the informal ambience of our traditional country pub.

Our menu combines pub classics with modern cuisine, to cater for every palate. We offer a generous selection of children's meals, too meaning there's something tasty for the whole family to enjoy. The ingredients we source are local, fresh and seasonal. Our team of chefs use them to create top-quality dishes that are hearty, wholesome and delicious.

Our Christmas Party Menu will be served from 1st December until the 24th December. A non-refundable deposit of £5 per person for the Christmas menu's secures your booking. A receipt for your deposit will be issued and deducted from your final bill.

Please telephone 01297 20371 first to confirm your availability of your required date and make a provisional booking and then complete a booking

form and return to us within 7 days with your deposit. Pre-orders are required 7 days prior to your visit. We look forward to seeing you during the Christmas period and will do our best to make sure you enjoy your visit.

### Christmas Lunch Menu

£16.00 per person  
available from 1st to 24th December 2012

#### Starters

**Prawn Cocktail**  
with Marie Rose sauce  
**Roasted Parsnip Soup Crème**  
**Chicken Liver Pate**  
redcurrant jelly, rustic toast and seasoned butter

#### Main Courses

**Local Roast Devon Turkey**  
bacon wrapped chipolata, seasonal stuffing, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings  
**Oven Roasted British Vegetable and Carnaroli Risotto**  
with Somerset goats cheese  
**Devon Topside of Beef**  
Yorkshire pudding, creamy horseradish and all the trimmings

#### Desserts

**Traditional Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce**  
**Vanilla Crème Brûlée and shortbread biscuit**  
**English Cheese Board**  
with biscuits, chutney and seasoned butter

## CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON

### CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU

2 courses £17.00 3 courses £20.00  
available from 1st to 24th December 2012

#### STARTERS

Prawn cocktail with marie rose sauce  
Chicken liver pate with redcurrant jelly, rustic toast and seasoned butter  
Goats cheese bruschetta, red onion marmalade, basil age balsamic dressing  
Roast butternut squash and sweet potato soup with rustic bread and seasoned butter  
Mushrooms cooked in garlic sauce and topped with melted cheese

#### MAIN COURSES

Local roast devon turkey, bacon wrapped chipolata, seasonal stuffing, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings  
Pan-fried sea bass fillets, crushed new potatoes, leek and white wine sauce  
Oven roasted british vegetable and carnaroli risotto with somerset goats cheese  
Crispy pork belly, creamy mash and ginger beer sauce  
10oz devon rump steak, herb butter, onion rings, button mushrooms, watercress salad, triple fried chips (£3 supplement)

#### DESSERTS

Traditional christmas pudding and brandy sauce  
Cappuccino crème brûlée and shortbread biscuit  
Banana eton mess with butterscotch sauce, meringue and honeycomb ice cream  
Trio of chocolate - chocolate tart, chocolate mousse, chocolate ice cream on chocolate cookie crumbs  
English cheese board with biscuits, chutney and seasoned butter

*Harbour*

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## Old Inn, Kilmington

2012 has been a year of celebrations at The Old Inn, Kilmington. The summer was kicked off with Duncan and Leigh celebrating 5 years at this now established and acclaimed pub and restaurant. The summer of Jubilee and Olympic celebrations continued the theme and now they are gearing up for a December of festive cheer.

The pub caters to parties up to 35 and with its cosy log fire and flag stone floors a festive atmosphere is guaranteed. An extensive wine list and a range of great local ales ensures that parties go with a swing.

This year sees the return of a popular second option for



more informal Christmas parties: An informal skittle party with finger buffet for 8 - 20 people. Enjoy a fun game of traditional pub skittles, fol-

lowed by an informal finger buffet served around the log fire.

Details of both the full menu parties and the buffet party can be found on the web site [www.oldinnkilmington.co.uk](http://www.oldinnkilmington.co.uk) or call 01297 32096 for more details.



▲ Duncan and Leigh Colvin



## The Old Inn Kilmington Freehouse & Restaurant



### Christmas Party Menu ~ 1st - 22nd December 2012

Delicious carrot and orange soup served with a generous wedge of crusty bread.

Chef's own chicken liver pate with red onion marmalade.

Roasted salmon, orange and rocket salad.

Tomato, red onion and olive crostini. (served on a toasted crouton)



Turkey breast served with a rich bacon, leg meat, onion and sage stuffing, with cranberry jus, roast potatoes and vegetable selection.

Braised flat rib of beef served with a mustard mash and caramelised red onion gravy.

Baked cod loin on a bed of tomato and basil tagliatelle with crisp salad leaves.

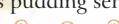
Wild mushroom and goats cheese tart, with a rocket leaf salad.



Rich chocolate and orange tart with toasted hazelnuts and Chantilly cream.

Vanilla Crème Brûlée served with poached plums and our own shortbread biscuit.

Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce.



Filter coffee served with Chef's own mince pies

**£21.00 per person (£16.00 ~ 2 course)**



**Tel: 01297 32096**

[www.oldinnkilmington.co.uk](http://www.oldinnkilmington.co.uk)  
[pub@oldinnkilmington.co.uk](mailto:pub@oldinnkilmington.co.uk)

## Court Hotel, Seaton

### Christmas Party Menu - Three Courses for £22.95

#### Starters

Courgette and Brie Soup served with crispy croutons and crusty roll

Smoked Mackerel Salad served with lemon and black pepper croutons and horseradish crème fraîche

Ham Hock Ballotine served with red onion marmalade and crispy salad

#### Main Courses

Roast Turkey with all the festive trimmings served with cranberry sauce and chestnut, cranberry and sausage meat stuffing

Poached Plaice Fillets on a bed of spinach mash served with Prawn, crab and chilli bisque

#### Sweets

Christmas Pudding served with brandy and cinnamon sauce

Lavender Crème Brûlée served with wild berry coulis and shortbread biscuits

Chocolate Brownie served with custard and ice cream

#### Cheese and Biscuit Board



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## Mill Café & Supper Club, Lyme Regis

AT THE Mill Café and Supper Club we do Christmas a little differently. Not that we've anything against turkey and cranberry sauce, you understand. But every year? So to refresh your palates, we're offering an Italian Christmas in our cosy restaurant at the Town Mill in Lyme Regis where you're guaranteed great value, delicious food and a really special atmosphere. We won't be overfeeding you – or overcharging you. Instead, throughout December we're offering a set three-course Italian lunch or supper for just £22 a head. So come along for a festive meal with friends, family or work chums. You can even book the whole restaurant if there are up to 24 of you. As for the menu, visit our website [www.millcafeandsupperclub.co.uk](http://www.millcafeandsupperclub.co.uk) or phone 01297 44 57 57.

The Lyme Regis Diary has called our food 'homemade traditional Italian food at its best'. We hope you'll share it with us.



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**or call 01297 445 757**

**Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU**

# Festive December Menu 2012

The Tuckers Arms - Dalwood - Devon Tel: 01404 881342

## Starters

**Chefs Creamy Cider and Onion Soup (V)**  
A Seasonal, Hearty Soup, Served with Hot Crusty Bread and Butter

**Flame Roasted Tomato Hot Pot (V)**  
Hand Picked Tomatoes, Roasted with Courgettes and Flame Roasted Peppers, in the Heart of a Golden Filo Pastry Basket, Topped with a Grilled Brie Crust

**Potted Game**  
Seasonal Cuts of Local Game, Pressed into a Coarse Pate, Topped with Butter, Served with a Tossed Pine Nut Salad and Toast

**Thai Style, Skewered King Prawns**  
A Bed of Sticky Saffron Infused Rice, Layered with Individually Skewered King Prawns, Roasted Bell Peppers and Char Grilled Limes, Drizzled with a Lemon Grass and Garlic Cream Sauce

## Your Choice of Main Course

### Roast Turkey - As It Should Be\*

Slow Oven Baked West Country Farm Assured Turkey, Served with Crispy Goose Fat Roast Potatoes, Creamy Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets and Cranberry and Sage Stuffing. Not to Forget The All Important Brussels Sprouts, Oven Brownd Parsnips and Carrots Oozing in Honey and Cinnamon, Topped with:

### Your Choice of

#### *Homemade Yorkshire Pudding or a Slice of Woodland View Farm's Ham*

\*The West Country Produces Without Doubt Some of the Best Poultry in Britain. During the December Months we Ensure at The Tuckers Arms We use the Best in Devon, From Field to Fork we Aim to Like to Give Our Customers the Chance to Sample Some of Devon's Finest Produce, That's Why we at the Tuckers Arms Believe in Devonshire Farms for Devonshire Food

Four Course £25.95 Per Person\*

Festive Evening Menu will be Available 6pm-8.30pm From the 1st of December to 30th December (Excluding 25th of December) Large Parties can be accommodated in our function room

\* This Menu is Also Available Lunチtimes throughout December Four Courses for £20.50 Between 12pm and 2pm Reservations Only. Parties of 6 or more must order in advance, advance orders must be received 7 days prior to dining.

## Selection of Desserts

**Mulled Fig, Hazelnut and Branoc Ale Cake, Served with Custard or Ice-Cream**

**Peach and Crème Fraîche Pie**

**Taste of the West Country Cheese Board with 'December' Chutney**

**Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce**

## To Finish

Coffee and Warm Mince Pies

# Tuckers Arms, Dalwood



# Fountain Head, Branscombe



'A 500 year old building nestling in a little valley, it has a log fire, a flagstone floor, a snug and welcome interior, ample outside space

and truly sublime Branoc ale from the very local Branscombe Vale Brewery."

## The Times

There are not many pubs left like the Fountain. This is a place to sample good old fashioned cooking, sup some ale and enjoy good conversation!

We have our new winter menu to tempt your taste buds including local handpicked fresh crab sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, fresh scallops, fresh local mussels, large fresh cod fillet, including daily specials, home-made steak and kidney pie, lambs liver, rib eye steak, 10oz rump steak, Moroccan vegetable stew with fragranced couscous served with mint yogurt and our home cooked traditional roast on Sunday lunch.

We are open 11am to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm except for Sunday when it's 12-3 and 6-10.30. Food is served 12pm to 2pm and 6.30pm to 9pm every day.

## A Real Pub

# The Fountain Head, Branscombe CHRISTMAS!

Available 1st - 22nd December - Booking required

## STARTERS

HOMEMADE butternut squash & rosemary soup - granary bread & butter  
HOMEMADE chicken liver & wild mushroom pate - hot toast & butter  
HOMEMADE spicy cod fishcakes - lemon mayonnaise

## MAIN COURSE

Farm fresh roast turkey, stuffed with sage & onion, served with chipolata wrapped in bacon, roast potatoes, fresh vegetables & cranberry sauce  
Roast topside of local beef served with yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, fresh vegetables & horseradish sauce  
Fresh salmon steak - dill crème fraîche - salad - new potatoes  
Homemade wild mushroom & tarragon risotto topped with fresh parmesan cheese

## DESSERTS

Christmas pudding with crème anglaise  
Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce  
Mixed berry cheesecake with fruit coulis  
Coffee & homemade petit fours

2 courses - £17 per head 3 courses - £20 per head Minimum of 6 persons

Orders required 5 days prior to your booking date

"A 500 year old building nestling in a little valley, it has a log fire, a flagstone floor, a snug and welcome interior, ample outside space and truly sublime Branoc ale ...."

THE TIMES - Open Mon to Sat 11-3pm, 6-11pm; food 12-2pm, 6.30pm-9pm

Sundays 12-3pm, 6-10pm; food 12-2.30pm, 7pm-9pm

[www.fountainheadinn.com](http://www.fountainheadinn.com) bookings: 01297 680359

# Deer Park Country House Hotel

SITUATED within 80 acres of unspoilt countryside, the Deer Park Hotel in Honiton provides the perfect place for your Christmas celebrations.

Whether you are looking for a special intimate dinner for friends and family or a venue to hold your

company party, this stunning 18th Century Georgian House offers a warm welcome, attentive service and wonderfully cooked food. There is a choice of 3 Christmas party menus, starting at just £24.95 per person. Parties of 30 or more can enjoy a complimentary disco, and the hotel is also offering discounted room rates in our Classic bedrooms, based on two sharing a room.

The Deer Park is open throughout the festive period for lunch, dinner and mince pies. Non-residents are invited to join in the celebrations for Christmas Day lunch and Boxing Day lunch and book-

ings are now being taken for New Year's Eve.

For further details and to download menus please visit [www.deerparkcountryhousehotel.co.uk](http://www.deerparkcountryhousehotel.co.uk) or call 01404 41266.



# Festive Dining

at the stylish Cliff Panoramic Restaurant

All main courses served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

## STARTERS

Butternut Pumpkin Soup with Parmesan Parsley Croutons (V)  
Pressed Game Terrine, Cumberland Sauce, Fennel and Walnut Salad, Mandarin Oil Vinaigrette

Pan fried Lyme Bay Scallops, Warm Toasted Sweetcorn Relish  
Wild Mushroom on Light Wye Sourdough Toast

## MAIN COURSE

Traditional Roast Dorset Bronze Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing, Festive Trimmings  
Fillet of West Country Beef, Braised Shin Fritter, Button Onion and Chestnut Mushroom Cream Sauce

Pearl Barley, Spinach and Roasted Root Strudel (V)

## DESSERT

Iced Praline Parfait in Milk Chocoate, Hazelnut Crunch and Salt Caramel  
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## AsOne Theatre's *Cabinet Maker's Daughter* tour comes to dorset

ASONE Theatre will bring the tour of their show 'The Cabinet Maker's Daughter' to Dorset in November.

Set in 1846, the little town of Lyme Regis is battered by howling winter-gales. Dying and increasingly dependent on Laudanum, Mary Anning embarks on a strange dream journey through a life where she challenged the world of men and shook their beliefs to the core. She is haunted by hallucinations of old friends, enemies and even the dinosaurs she spent her life hacking out of the living rock. Into this world of dreams walks a man she never thought she would see again and attempts to find a resolution to their enigmatic relationship; a play about life and death, frustration and achievement; dreams and memories of long, long ago.

AsOne Theatre's 2012 tour is in association with the Jurassic Coast Earth Festival (a Cultural Olympiad partner).

AsOne's Artistic Director, Jane McKell said: "We have had amazing audience reaction. The words 'compelling', 'powerful', 'thought provoking' and 'riveting' - have been the norm! It all started when, after reading Tracy Chevalier's great read 'Remarkable Creatures', I



Mary Anning (foreground, Jane McKell) and Susan (Background, Rebecca Legrand)

contacted her. To cut a long story short she offered us the rights for free to adapt her book for stage to tour - we were applying for funding. However an Australian film company bought the rights from her and curtailed our project. So undaunted we continued with our own play about Mary Anning touring in association with the Jurassic Coast Trust's Earth Festival - itself a part of the Cultural Olympiad. It has been such a success we extended our tour into the autumn. Audiences love our play about this amazing, lowly born Lyme Regis woman - relatively unrecognised, and prevented as a woman from entering the Royal Geological Society - who was recently voted third amongst the top 10 international female scientists to affect the world as we know it. A remarkable Jurassic Coast story of early dinosaur discovery, achievement, sacrifice & love".

The tour visits The Corn Exchange, Dorchester (tel: 01305 267992) on Friday, November 2nd at 7.30 pm; Shaftesbury Arts Centre (tel: 01747 854 321) on Saturday, November 3rd at 7.30pm; and Bridport Arts Centre (tel: 01308 424204) on Friday, November 16th at 7.30pm.

## DIARY DATES

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1ST TO SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

**TOLPUDDLE:** Tolpuddle Annual Craft Show from 10am - 4.00pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments available, many crafts on show and for sale including paintings, pottery, jewellery, woodcraft, preserves and chutneys and many, many more! Demonstrations and an ideal place to find unusual Christmas presents. Free admission and parking. Really worth a look! [www.tolpuddle-village.co.uk](http://www.tolpuddle-village.co.uk)

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Model Rail Show at Wey Valley School, Dorchester Road, Weymouth DT3 5AN (Saturday 10.30-4.30; Sunday 10.00-4.00) The largest show in the south-west with 30 exhibition layouts and an additional hall for live steam trains. There are 17 trade stands selling everything from locos (new and second-hand), rolling stock, die-cast model vehicles, to electrical accessories. Tons of free advice on offer and how-to demonstrations. Adults £4, family (2+2) £10, accompanied children £2. Free car park, all day hot food. Information [www.eymouthMRA.org.uk](http://www.eymouthMRA.org.uk)

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

**DORCHESTER:** U3A Monthly Meeting including a talk by Geoff Peters on 'Coastline Watch'. Coffee / tea available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road, 10am-12noon. For more details call 01305 250347.

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

**KINGSTON MAURWARD, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Plant heritage Group. 'Garden Design', an illustrated talk giving an in-depth look at Structural Planting design to enhance the garden throughout the year, by Dorset based, independent designer Helen Elks-Smith. In the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, Nr Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50, Students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and the

NCCPG website.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

**BROADMAYNE:** St Martin's Day Celebrations in St Martin's Church & Community Hall from 10am - 12midday. Fresh Produce, Tombola, Craft, Jigsaws, Bric-a-Brac, Home-Made Cakes & preserves, Books, children's Games, Raffle, Refreshments & much more. New for this year, a silent auction for Pews, which can be viewed at the Fayre. For further details Carol Wightman 854385.

**DORCHESTER:** Grandpa Banana and Stompin' Dave Allen at The Corn Exchange. Advance tickets £10 (on the door £12) are available from Dorchester TIC (01305) 267992 or buy online at [www.stompin-store.com](http://www.stompin-store.com)

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be holding their Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The business of the evening will be followed by refreshments and an entertaining quiz. We hope that members will come along and support their committee. Further details available from Julie or Peter Flannery on 01305 772533.

**DORCHESTER:** The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at the Thomas Sydenham Centre, East Wing, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester on the 12th November at 2.30 pm when Terry Putman will give a talk on The Last of the Narrow Boat Families.

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH TO SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

**WEYMOUTH:** WOW Presents Oliver at Weymouth Pavilion Theatre from 7.30pm each day, 2.30pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets £13.50 (senior citizens and under 18's £10.50, on Wednesday evening and Saturday matinee only). Available from Weymouth Pavilion box office (01305 783225) or online at [www.weymouthpavilion.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk](http://www.weymouthpavilion.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk)

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Deadline midday Monday

# Double Trouble at 115 Club

ON Thursday, November 8th, once again the 115 Club doors will be open to invite and entertain, with an eclectic evening of Jazz, Rock and Blues from 'Double Trouble' a pairing of two fabulous musicians who entertained thoroughly on their last visit to 115 Club. Pete Maxfield and Terry Keyworth, both members of *Trouble in Mind*, Pete (double bass spectacular) and Terry (Guitar and Vocal wonderment) have a wealth

Terry Keyworth



of experience, between the two of them spanning over 40 years of musical passion. Terry first sprung onto the music scene in the late 60s with the band *Wild Country*, recording and gigging around the UK, later going on to work with and support such artists as Deep Purple, Status Quo and Ian Drury, with his special style of blues tinged guitar and passionate vocals Terry lights up the stage. Pete has

worked with some big named acts, including recently recording with David Essex and has the enviable name as one of the countries finest bassists.

Pre-booking for Buffet Dinner (£10 per person) between 7:00 and 7:30 pm is essential and guests should telephone on the day (between 2:00 and 6:00pm)

to confirm numbers in their party. At which time they will be in-

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Check out [www.terrykeyworth.co.uk/jazz-in-mind.php](http://www.terrykeyworth.co.uk/jazz-in-mind.php) for more info! Or the 115 Club's own site at [www.115club.com](http://www.115club.com) or [www.facebook.com/115club](http://www.facebook.com/115club)

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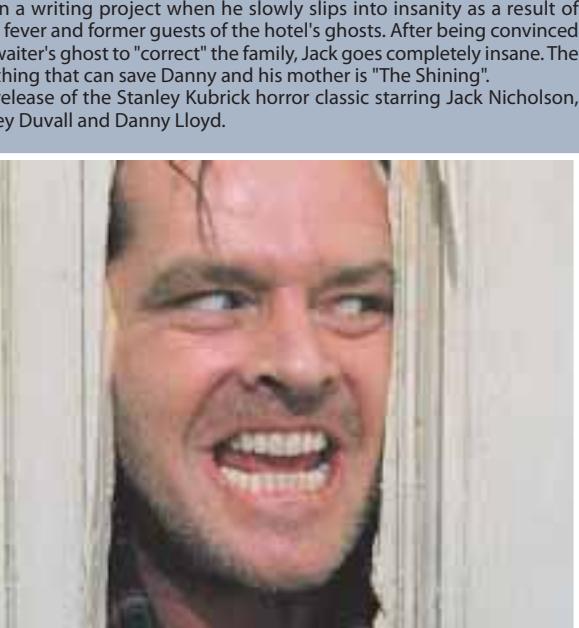
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## Grandpa Banana at the Corn Exchange

DIRECT from California Grandpa Banana appears at Dorchester Corn Exchange, the Town Hall building on Saturday, November 10th. Banana was the founder member of the legendary San Francisco Bay area folk rock band The Youngbloods. The band's classic recording *Get Together* sold over one million copies cracking the U.S. top 5 achieving gold record status in 1969. *Get Together* was later featured on the soundtrack in the film *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. The Youngbloods disbanded in 1973, and Banana started a solo career performing his own brand of Californian roots Americana. This gig is part of an extensive European solo tour to showcase Banana's album *Even Grandpas Get The Blues*. The album features guest appearances from world class musicians the likes of Ry Cooder, Barry "the Fish" Melton, and David Grisman.

Described as "One of the most notable of the unsung musicians" by The Marin Independent Journal, Grandpa Banana (real name Lowell Levinger) has been a major player in the legendary west coast psychedelic and bluegrass scene for over forty years. As well as performing in his own right Banana was accompanist to Mimi Farina (the sister of Joan Baez) for over twenty years, and also played keyboards for ten years with psychedelic band Zero, who's members included Steve Kimock who toured and recorded with members of the Grateful Dead. Banana also played with Norton Buffalo of the Steve Miller band, and also with Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks.

Grandpa Banana currently plays on a regular basis with Barry "The Fish" Melton founder member of Woodstock Festival legends Country Joe & The Fish in the Barry Melton Band and with The Michael Barclay Blues Band. He plays his beloved bluegrass music with friends and neighbours including The Papermill Creek Rounders, David, Tracy and Sam Grisman, The David Thom Band, Peter Rowan and the legendary Artie Rose and associates.

Banana was initially a bluegrass musician who apart from guitar and piano also plays banjo, mandolin, mandola and bass. He began his career on the east coast, in Boston playing bluegrass banjo in the local coffee houses of the early 60's being mentored by the likes of Bill Keith and The Charles River Valley Boys.

Support from Stompin' Dave Allen who has organised this event. Advance tickets £10 (on the door £12) are available from Dorchester TIC (01305) 267992 or buy online at [www.stompinstore.com](http://www.stompinstore.com)

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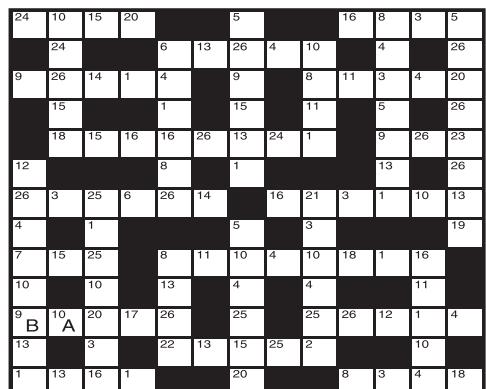
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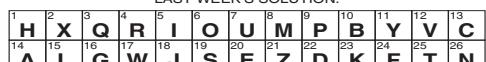
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The story opens on the sinister interior of the workhouse where Mr Bumble is serving gruel to the boys. When Oliver Twist returns with his bowl and the words 'please sir, I want some more', Mr Bumble is outraged. Oliver is sold to Mr Sowerberry the undertaker but he is so unhappy that he runs away. I am sure you know the rest of the story – but do go and see WOW's interpretation. 'Food, Glorious Food'; 'Where Is Love?'; 'Consider Yourself At Home'; You've Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two' and 'As Long As He Needs Me' are among the many memorable songs in the show.

The two young boys playing Oliver will be Charlie

Vaughan and Ryan Hannigan with the role of Dodger shared between Oliver Tapley and Alex Rogan. Fagin is Billy Matthews and Bill Sykes Paris Misailidis.

Reine Anderson plays her first major role as Nancy with Charlotte Allen as Bet. Mr Bumble and Widow Corney, Adrian Bevan and Juliette Bone; Mr and Mrs Sowerberry, George Lyons and Cassandra Grindley. Completing the cast Noah Claypole, Rhys Hardwick; Charlotte, Clare Phelan and Mrs Bedwin, Fern Pritchard.

Director and choreographer is Martyn Knight, who has worked with the youngsters many times, and musical director and conductor to the live orchestra is Heather Reed.

Tickets are £13.50 with concessions for senior citizens and under 18's of £10.50, on Wednesday evening and Saturday matinee only. Available from the Weymouth Pavilion box office (01305 783225) or online at [www.weymouthpavilion.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk](http://www.weymouthpavilion.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk)

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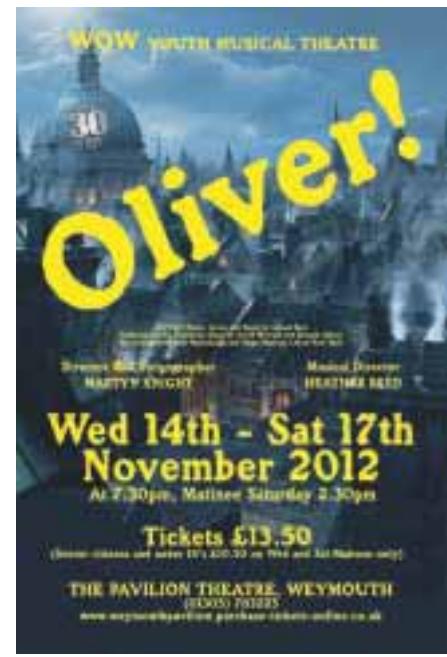
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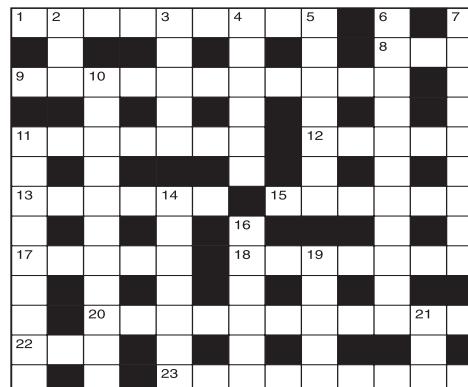
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

#### Cryptic Clues: Across

- They should get what's coming to them (9)
- A custom, something abused (3)
- Only a personal impression, but admissible as evidence (11)
- Fundamental shifting in cargo (7)
- Extort in precise fashion (5)
- Set out and consumed what's left (6)
- He won't buy the same article twice (6)
- Take slight action (5)
- Having poor taste (7)
- Cautiously asking why the plumbing is wrong (8,3)
- Ivan has a novel need for this garden tool (3)
- Women tend to alter a permanent income (9)
- Noted and objected (6)
- Wines blended for strength (5)
- Run around the vessel (3)

#### Down

- Runner begins skillfully (3)
- It's for putting on colour (5)
- Have prospects? (6)
- Salary? Spend it for a change! (7)
- Finishes - a sentence, perhaps (4,1,4,2)
- Trade died perhaps, if workers were so weary! (4,5)
- Late tenders? (5,6)
- Give short change, it's a mistake of sorts (9)
- A monkish upper-cut? (7)
- Noted and objected (6)
- Wines blended for strength (5)
- Run around the vessel (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Aerots; 7 Ideals; 8 Rustle; 10 Equator; 11 Terse; 12 Sash; 13 Smart; 17 Berth; 18 Rhee; 22 Later; 23 Offence; 24 Remand; 25 Dealer; Down: 1 Disease; 2 Request; 3 Cloth; 4 Nurture; 5 Stern; 6 Repel; 9 Cremation; 14 Bearing; 15 Shingle; 16 Careers; 19 Alarm; 20 Stamp; 21 After. QUICK - Across: 7 Droops; 8 Gather; 10 Regular; 11 Ting; 12 Save; 13 Rival; 17 State; 18 Sty; 22 Raise; 23 Curtail; 24 Flimsy; 25 Flagon. Down: 1 Address; 2 Forgive; 3 Spill; 4 Partial; 5 Shine; 6 Greet; 9 Armistice; 14 Atheist; 15 Strange; 16 Telling; 19 Craft; 20 Rigid; 21 Frill.

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

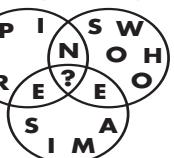
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### Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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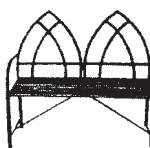
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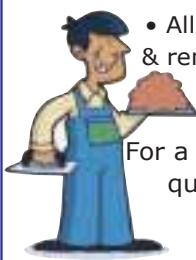
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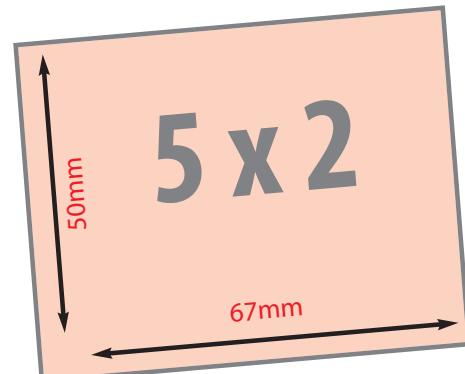
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## Lexus storms Las Vegas with custom specials

- Lexus's sixth year at the SEMA Show marked with six customised, concept and high performance models
- New Project LS 460 F Sport by Five Axis
- Supercharged GS 350 F Sport by VIP Auto Salon
- LF-CC coupe concept and IS FCCS-R race car
- LFA and LFA Nürburgring Edition

LEXUS has a high-impact presence at the 2012 SEMA Show in Las Vegas this week, its contribution to the world-famous customisation show led by a no-holds-barred interpretation of the new LS 460 F Sport by the Five Axis design studio. Also on show will be VIP Auto Salon's interpretation of a Supercharged GS 350 F Sport.

Joining these custom specials will be IS FCCS-R which conquered the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb earlier this year, and the LF-CC hybrid concept that broke cover at the Paris motor show in September. Rounding off the display will be the LFA supercar in both its standard form and its track-focused Nürburgring Edition form.

### LS 460 F Sport by Five Axis

Concept design studio Five Axis has taken the new LS 460 F Sport (due in the UK at the end of the year) and added even more visual muscle and styling impact, with a full aero body kit, 22-inch custom wheels with Yokohama Advan Sport tyres, Air Runner TC-5 air suspension a dedicated matt silver paint finish and grey accents.

### Supercharged GS 350 F Sport by VIP Auto Salon

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by VIP Auto Salon that raises performance with an Apexi CG SPL custom supercharger kit, high-performance Brembo brakes and Vossen CV7 20-inch wheels. The car's extra potential is broadcast in a WALD International Aero styling package.

### Lexus IS FCCS-R

The IS FCCS-R appears at SEMA fresh from its



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debut at the Peaks Pike International Hill Climb in Colorado, where it secured a second-in-class result on its debut. Powered by a standard 416bhp 5.0-litre V8 engine, this competition special saloon features carbon fibre bodywork elements, 18-inch SSR wheels and racing brakes and exhaust system.

### Lexus LF-CC Concept and LFA

The Lexus LF-CC Concept makes its USA debut at SEMA, having been unveiled at the Paris motor show in September. It represents both styling and hybrid powertrain technology that Lexus will be applying to new showroom models in the near future. Also on show in Las Vegas is the Lexus LFA supercar, presented in both its standard form, and with the Nürburgring Package which can be specified to tailor handling for track performance.

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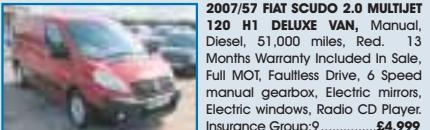


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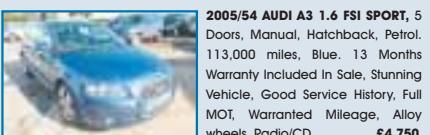
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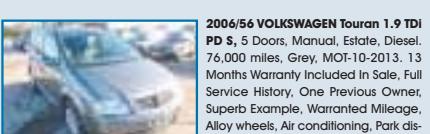
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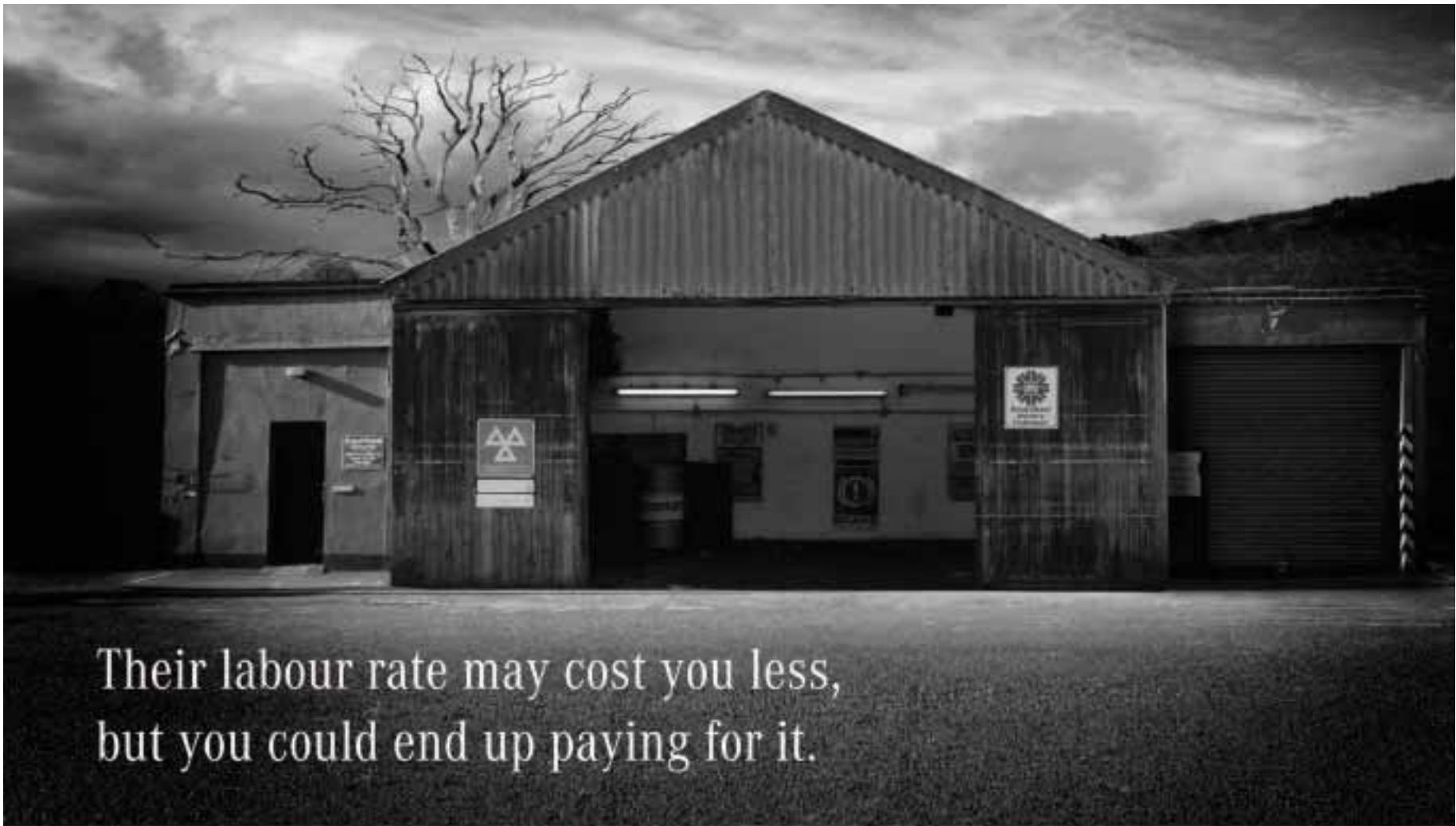
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# Seasiders sail through to third round

## DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WITH Will Mowbray

### Dorset Premier League

#### Bridport Res 3 Poole Borough 3

DUE to the League Cup second round only one league game was played and it gave Bridport the chance to move into the top five when they shared six goals and the points with their visitors from Poole.

The Bees strikes coming from Gary Bulman in the 16th minute, Paul Fellows in the 65th minute and Chris Herbst in the 80th minute while netting for the Hornets were Sam Coakes on the half hour mark, Luke Pidgeley in the 78th minute and a penalty conversion from Marc Jackson four minutes into injury time. Despite this point Poole remain in the bottom two.

### Dorset Premier League Cup

#### Swanage Town 0 Weymouth Res 3

WEYMOUTH deserved their win and, but for a combination of excellent goalkeeping from Taylor and some wayward finishing the margin of victory could have been greater.

Swanage were decided below par and will look to improve quickly or their season could descend into a League survival battle.

Weymouth on the other hand looked a hard side to beat and are putting together a decent run of form which bodes well for the remainder of the season.

Goal scorers: Sanchez-Baker (2), S.Zima.

## ROUND-UP

### SENIOR LEAGUE

MERE Town increased their lead at the top of the Senior League to six points following their 6-0 success against their visitors Weymouth Sports with their strikes coming from a Jordan Collins hat-trick, Scott Martin (2) and Jamie Samways.

Portland United Reserves stay in second spot despite going down 3-1 to Sturminster United with the Cherries goals coming from Sam Stockley, Luke Turk and Matthew Jordan. This was Sturminster's fourth win that

keeps them in the top five.

Third placed Piddlethreth United made it five wins for the season with a 4-3 win at Stourpaine.

Witchampton United also had the same score when they defeated their visitors Sturminster Marshall 4-3 with their marksmen being Jonathan Hayter with two and one each for Lee Read and Jamie Edwards.

### DIVISION ONE

SOUTH Cheriton made it five wins out of five as they stay flying high in division one following their 4-2 win against their visitors Poundbury Rovers with their goals coming from Terry Thorne, Mark Mitchell and a brace from Darren White.

Corfe Mullen United stay in the top three after their single goal win against their visitors Bere Regis with Steve Morris on target.

Milborne Sports stay in second place after their 4-1 win against their visitors from Chicklere United with their strikes coming from Carl McClements with a hat-trick and one from Matt Hill.

### DIVISION TWO

DORCHESTER Sports hold on to top spot despite only drawing 2-2 with bottom Club the Ship Inn Wool, on target for Wool for their first point were two Dorchester Sports players.

Weymouth Spartans made it three wins for the season with a 6-1 victory over their visitors Shaftesbury Town Reserves with their marksmen being Marcus Simpson with a brace and one each for Danny Hill, Bryn Lewis, James Oldham and Damien Walsh.

### DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

Corfe Castle moved into the next round following their 2-0 win at Wareham with their goals coming from Matthew Suttle and Sam Fooks. They will now play at home to The Baltic House in two weeks' time.

### DIVISION THREE

PIDDLEHINTON United stay in pole position at the top of division three on goal difference despite their 4-0 home defeat by Lytchett RT who made it five wins out of five.

Handley Sports are also now on 16 points after their 4-3 win at Stickland with the hosts strikes all coming from Darren Critchell. Stickland are still yet to win a game.

Maiden Newton and Cattistock won for the first time with a 3-2 success against their visitors Sturminster Marshall Reserves with their goalscorers being James Caddy, David Payne and Joe Hallett.

### DIVISION FOUR

AFC Blandford moved into the top spot following their 4-0 win against their hosts United FC Poundbury. Their goals coming from Lee Forward with a brace and one each for Chris Adams and Andy McGill.

Portland Town Reserves stay in seventh place after their 4-2 win against previous leaders Mere Town Reserves with their goals coming from Paul Cole with two and one each for Matt Hill and Daniel Sheppard. This was Mere Town's second defeat and they slip down to second spot.

### DIVISION FIVE

PIMPERINE Sports Society increase their lead to five points at the top of division five following their 8-1 success against their hosts Lytchett RT Youth with their strikes coming from Paul Ford (4), Dale Hoffman (2), Martin Griffiths and Rob Sturmy. Lytchett are still searching for their first point but they have only played three games.

Portland Town A move up into the top three after their 5-1 win against Marnhull with their goals coming from Elliott Gould with two and one each for Teejay Smith-MacFarlane, Jon Cameron and Adam Carter.

### RESULTS

#### Saturday 27 October 2012

#### Dorset Premier League Cup

Chickerell Utd 3-0 Wareham Rangers  
Corfe Mullen 6-1 Merley Cobham Sports  
Holt Utd 6-6 Sherborne Town Res

Portland Utd 4-2 Parley Sports  
Shaftesbury Town 1-2 Blandford Utd  
Swanage Town & Herston 0-3 Weymouth Res

Tintinhull 5-5 Hamworthy Utd Res  
AET (5-4 on penalties)  
Wincanton Town 2 Hamworthy Recreation 2  
AET (5-6 on penalties)

### Dorset Premier League

#### Bridport Res 3 Poole Borough

#### Senior League

Blandford United Res 0-4 Westland Sports  
Kingstone Lacy 3-2 Upwey & Broadway  
Mere Town 6-0 Weymouth Sports

Okeford United 0-1 Gillingham Town Res

Stourpaine 3-4 Piddlethreth United

Sturminster Utd 3-1 Portland United Res

Weymouth Utd 4-3 Sturminster Marshall

#### League Division One

#### Bridport A 2 Wincanton Town Reserves

Corfe Mullen United 1-0 Bere Regis

Merley Sports Res 1-2 Swanage T & H Res

Milborne Sports 4-1 Chicklere United Res

South Cheriton 4-2 Poundbury Rovers

#### League Division Two

#### AFC Cobham 2-3 The Baltic House

Ship Inn Wool 2-2 Dorchester Sports

Donhead United 2-3 Sturminster United Res

Weymouth Spartans 6-1 Shaftesbury Res

Weymouth Socia Club 3-2 Gillingham Town

#### League Division Three

Bere Regis Res 3-3 Stalbridge

Maiden N & C 3-2 Sturminster Marshall Res

Owermeign 0-3 Portesham United

Piddlethreth United 0-4 Lytchett RT

Stickland United 3-4 Handley Sports

#### League Division Four

Broadstone FC Seniors 5-1 Corfe Mullen Res

Littlemoor 1-3 Bishops Caundle

Portland Town Res 4-2 Mere Town Res

Puddletown 6-2 Cranborne Res

United FC Poundbury 0-4 AFC Blandford

#### League Division Five

Lytchett RT Youth 1-2 Pimperine Sports

Portland Town A 5-1 Marnhull

Wellworthy 2-0 Milborne Sports Res

#### Fixtures

#### Saturday 27 October 2012

### Dorset Premier League Cup

Chickerell Utd v Wareham Rangers  
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Bere Regis v South Cheriton

Milborne Sports v Kangaroos

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Poundbury Rovers v Poole Borough Reserves

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#### League Division Two

AFC Cobham v Sturminster Newton Reserves

Donhead United v Wyke Regis Social Club

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Portland Town A v Broadstone Reserves

#### Division One .. PW D LGD Pts

South Cheriton ..... 5 0 0 17 15

Milborne Spts ..... 6 4 1 1 18 13

Corfe Mullen ..... 5 4 1 0 13 13

Poundbury ..... 3 1 3 4 10

Swanage T&H ..... 4 3 0 1 1 9

Weymouth Sp ..... 3 0 2 4 9

Shaftesbury Res ..... 3 0 4 2 9

Gillingham ..... 2 2 3 4 8

Donhead Utd ..... 6 2 0 4 9 6

Wareham Res ..... 6 1 1 4 6 4

Portland Town ..... 6 0 2 4 9 2

Ship Inn, Wool ..... 4 0 1 3 1 1

Division Two .. PW D LGD Pts

Dorchester Spts ..... 7 5 1 1 16 16

The Baltic House ..... 5 1 1 13 16

AFC Cobham ..... 7 4 2 1 6 14

Corfe Castle ..... 4 0 2 5 12

Wyke Regis ..... 7 3 1 3 6 10

Sturminster Res ..... 3 1 3 9 10

Weymouth Spar ..... 3 0 2 4 9

Shaftesbury Res ..... 3 0 4 2 9

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Portland Town ..... 6 0 2 4 9 2

Ship Inn, Wool ..... 4 0 1 3 1 1

Division Three .. PW D LGD Pts

Piddlethreth ..... 5 1 0 15 16

Handley Sp ..... 7 5 1 1 13 16

Lytchett RT ..... 5 0 0 26 15

Portesham ..... 6 4 0 2 2 12

Stalbridge ..... 7 3 2 2 0 11

Okeford Res ..... 3 0 2 0 9

Sturminster Res ..... 3 0 3 1 9

Maiden N&C ..... 1 1 2 5 4 4

Bere Regis ..... 4 0 2 2 6 7

Stickland United ..... 7 0 3 4 4 3

Corfe Castle ..... 4 0 2 1 1 1

Belvedere Inn ..... 2 0 1 1 1 1

Owermeign ..... 7 0 1 6 20 1

Division Four .. PW D LGD Pts

AFC Blandford ..... 5 1 0 15 16

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Portland Town ..... 6 3 1 2 1 10

UFC Poundbury ..... 6 2 1 3 10 7

Littlemoor ..... 7 1 1 5 7 4

Weymouth Spar ..... 4 1 0 3 13 3

Corfe Mullen ..... 6 1 0 1 15 3

Corfe Cobham ..... 6 0 1 5 22 1

Division Five .. PW D LGD Pts

Pimperine ..... 5 0 0 25 15

Wellworthy ..... 5 3 1 1 6 10

Portland Town ..... 3 1 3 2 10

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## SCRUM DOWN - rugby round-up

WITH KEITH JENKIN

# Sin-bin decision costs Weymouth

**FROME 12 DORCHESTER 31**

ALTHOUGH the home side chose to face the stiff breeze during the first period, it was they who made the better start.

Their pack really "got in Dorchester's faces", harassing them into error and taking the lead via a pushover try, touched down out wide. The home place kicker then added the extras with a exceptional kick into the elements to give his side a 7-0 lead.

Dorchester, still lacking in cohesion, did get a score back via a Baker penalty goal, only for a second home try, unconverted this time, to increase the lead. In fact it was only the defensive ability of Read, the Dorchester full back that prevented Frome taking an unassailable lead before the halfway stage.

As it was, the visitors edged their way back into the contest, again through a Baker place kick on the stroke of half time. It was of scant comfort to them at this stage, for Frome had shown themselves to be the better side thus far, and they would now have the wind at their backs.

Strong words must have been digested with the half-time lemons for it was a different Dorchester side that emerged in the second period.

The home set scrum came under increasing pressure, imposed primarily by Warren. Dorchester then began to win the breakdown, and

consequently the territorial battle, and tries followed.

Carl Mitchell got the first, touching down in the right hand corner, before Luke Weller got the next down the left.

Although both were unconverted, they served to take Dorchester into a four point lead at 16-12.

Baker then kicked his third penalty of the afternoon to keep the scoreboard ticking and, when his pack drove their opponents back over their own line with Bonner coming up with the ball.

Dorchester now went chasing the bonus point, and thought they had it when Luke Weller got over. He was pulled back for a foot in touch however but, at the last, Read and Bament combined to put the later clear to touch down try number four.

Baker added the extras to this one to take his side to a bonus point win to which their second half performance had surely entitled them.

**TROWBRIDGE 24  
WEYMOUTH 22**

THIS was an encounter that, although fortunes fluctuated throughout, was in the final analysis as close as the final score suggests.

The first ten minutes belonged to the home side and the Weymouth line came under considerable pressure. It coped however but just as it had cleared, an error came that en-

abled a Trowbridge prop to gallop down the touchline and crash over.

The try remained unconverted and Weymouth, now having settled, began to play some good rugby. They got a score back via the boot of out half Sheppard but, on the twenty five minute mark, they fell further behind.

Rolling front row substitutions proved to be their undoing. A replacement prop was slow to settle. Trowbridge won one against the head and increased their lead with a converted try. They continued in the ascendancy until the interval, scored another try, unconverted this time, and led 17-3 at the halfway stage.

While Trowbridge were good value for their interval lead, it was the visitors who had the better of the second period.

They narrowed the gap with a try by Joel Wilson who touched down after outstripping the home defence. Sheppard converted this one, and also the next, scored by Will Quick who cut a good angle to get over after a fluent move by his fellow backs had created the opening for him.

The scores were now tied at 17-17 and it was most certainly any one's game to win with 15 minutes left on the clock.

Disaster now struck for Weymouth for, during a bout of home pressure, skipper Quick was sent to the bin -

a rather harsh decision some thought.

In any event Weymouth now had to play the final ten minutes with just 14 bodies on the park and it was Trowbridge who prospered by scoring a try that converted.

The visitors were far from done however. They came back, imposed some pressure and Wilson got over in the corner for his second try of the game.

The conversion kick that would have tied the scores did not go over, but Weymouth were by no means done.

They went back at the last and created half an overlap but could not execute, and Trowbridge held on until the final whistle.

Weymouth will probably see this as the one that got away and, while accepting their losing bonus point, will feel that they could well have won.

**PREVIEW**

THERE'S another full weekend of league fixtures locally and both the local Southern league (South) clubs have home fixtures.

DORCHESTER should really have too much for OAKMEDIANS, for their opponents have had a pretty scruffy start to their campaign, winning just once.

Dorchester do need to settle their side however. If they can do so they can be a force in the division.

WEYMOUTH will certainly be tar-

geting to win their home fixture against WOOTTON BASSETT. The visitors, while being a well-established side in the division, have not had a particularly good start to the season.

The form-book indicates a home win by a couple of scores. Games do not take place on the form-book however and I think this one will be close.

PUDLETTOWN undertake what might indeed be a decisive game in their entire league programme, for they entertain top side NEW MILTON 2nd who have carried all before them thus far, and scored a host of tries into the bargain.

Puddletown do seem to be growing into their campaign however and certainly have a chance in this one. If they are at their best they can make home advantage count. It will not be easy.

Dorchester seconds entertain their Weymouth counterparts for what, I guess will be a typical local derby with little separating the sides at the end of the day.

**FIXTURES 3rd November**

:Bridport 2nd v Weymouth 3rd v Bridport 2nd; Dorchester v Oakmedians; Dorchester 2nd v Weymouth 2nd; Puddletown v New Milton 2nd; Weymouth v Wootton Bassett; Weymouth 2nd v Dorchester 2nd (away); Weymouth 3rd v Bridport 2nd.

## YOUTH CRICKET

Cerne Valley U14 123-3 beat Weymouth 98-3 by 25 runs CERNE, batting first, quickly mounted up runs against Weymouth with a fine display of attacking batting; Tom Doyle leading the charge with an impressive 29 not out which included some powerful drives.

He was ably supported by Frampton (18 no) and Webb (9) as the Weymouth bowlers fought back with some fine line and length, backed up by some sharp fielding as the game ebbed and flowed in a gripping contest.

Weymouth's innings got to a flying start as P.Emmery (26 no) and J.Sappworth (30no) punished any wayward deliveries with a succession of fine strokes.

At 60-0 after five overs the game looked evenly poised, but Solo Roper (2-11) and Tao White slowed the run rate with solid accurate bowling as Cerne fought back. Despite a well judged 16 from P.Sappworth, Weymouth fell 25 runs short.

**Dorchester U14 58-2 beat Portland 56-5 by 4 wkt**

PORLAND put up a brave effort against Dorchester despite being two players short.

Captain Luke Strong led the way with a mature 14 against an impressive bowling attack and aided by Luke Lovett (8 no) showed grit and determination as Portland never gave up and fought to the end. Dorchester's bowlers led by J James (2-3) always had the upper hand.

Dorchester then gave a lesson in sportsmanship by lending Portland two fielders as they set about their target.

Portland had the best possible start with Strong taking an excellent caught and bowled with the very first ball; however their joy was short lived as J.Ellwood (27no) punished the Portland attack with some cultured stroke play.

Strong cleaned bowled R.Parkin (17) in his second over to finish with 2-13 and pick up the PRT man of the match, but the end was close and Dorchester cruised to victory with five overs remaining.

The next round of matches will feature Bridport U16 v Portland (10am) and Powerstock U16 v Dorchester (11.30am) at the Osprey Leisure Centre, Portland.

## Portland RT agm

PORLAND Red Triangle Cricket Club's AGM will take place on Friday, November 30th at The YMCA Reforme Portland at 7.30 pm (please note the date if you received an email stating it's on the 29th!)

This is the meeting to elect officers and captains to serve the club for the following year, it is also your chance to have your say, suggest improvements, volunteer for roles within the club and to receive reports from officers of the club on the clubs progress over the previous 12 months.

If you wish to nominate anyone for a role within the club these must be seconded and sent to club secretary Grant Neven (post or e-mail) by 12pm seven days prior to the meeting; nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting. Please make an effort to attend and show your support for the club.

◆ PRT's clubhouse was broken into last week for the third time in three years last week. The intruders made off with sweets and chocolates from the umpires cupboard.

## Cup fever hits Dorset

SUNDAY'S FA Cup First Round clash with Plymouth Argyle at the Greene King IPA Community Stadium is starting to catch the imagination of the town.

Tickets for the main stand have already sold out, whilst terrace tickets are being snapped up by both sets of supporters.

The club report sales to a number of local non-regular supporters who they hope will continue to watch on a regular basis.

The Pilgrims have been allocated 2,100 tickets for the terraces, and it is hoped that come Sunday all 5,000 tickets will have been sold.

The ticket office will be open every weekday this week between 9am and 4pm and on Saturday morning with tickets priced at £10 for adults, £6.50 for concessions (OAP's etc) and £5 for children. The club have asked that if you have booked tickets by phone, that you pick them up by 2pm on Sunday.

There will be no parking in the club car park for either sets of fans, although Tesco have kindly agreed the use of their car park free of charge. However please note Currys have not made a similar gesture.

Looking forward to the game which will be televised live on ESPN - kick-off 4.30pm.

## Dorchester & District ● Snooker League

**RESULTS:** Colliton Hopefuls 5 Colliton XQ2012 2, West Dorset Club C 3 Colliton Cons 4, Colliton Club B 4 Trinity Gooduns 2, Purbeck Potters 6 WDC Whipping Boys 2. 30+ break: S.Rhone 35.

**Top Break of the Season:** Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) 49.

| Table              | Pld | W | D | L | N/R | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| West Dorset Club A | 6   | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 28  |
| Purbeck Potters    | 6   | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 28  |
| West Dorset Club C | 6   | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 28  |
| Trinity Express    | 6   | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 23  |
| Colliton Hopefuls  | 7   | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0   | 22  |
| Trinity Gooduns    | 6   | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0   | 20  |
| Colliton Cons      | 6   | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0   | 20  |
| Trinity M          | 4   | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0   | 17  |
| Colliton XQ2012    | 6   | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0   | 17  |
| Colliton Club B    | 4   | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 13  |
| WDC Whipping Boys  | 5   | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0   | 10  |

**Team Open Knockout Cup - Round 2 draw**

West Dorset Club A v Colliton Club B (Oct 29th), Colliton Hopefuls v Purbeck Potters (Nov 12th), Trinity Gooduns v West Dorset Club C (Oct 31st), Colliton Cons v WDC Whipping Boys (Nov 1st), West Dorset Club A 4 Trinity M 1 (To finish).

**Rearranged league matches**

WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (Nov 6th), Trinity M v Colliton Club B (Nov 21st), Colliton XQ2012 v Colliton Club B (Nov 26th).

**Reminder - League results**

TEAMS are reminded that results must be with the Secretary by 9am on the Sunday following the match. Failure to notify results or cancellations to Secretary by this time results in a 2 point deduction for the home or cancelling team.

**Tough draws for Weymouth and Bridport**

BOTH Weymouth and Bridport rugby club's have to travel following the draw for the Dorset and Wilts cup semi-finals.

Weymouth will visit fellow Southern Counties South side Corsham in the 1st XV Cup, whilst Dorset & Wilts One (S) Bridport take on Melksham, third in the North division of the same league in the 1st XV Vase.

Both matches are to be played on Saturday November 10th. The full draw: 1st XV Cup Semi Final: Wimborne v Devizes and Weymouth v Corsham, 1st XV Vase Semi Final: Melksham v Bridport and Marlborough v Westbury, 1st XV Plate Semi Final: Poole v Puddletown (November 24th at Puddletown) and, Lytchett Minster v East Dorset.

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## INSIDE: Dorchester & District Snooker league

# Striker main priority despite defensive blunders

DESPITE criticism of his defence for the loss of the two goals that saw his side lose their 100 per cent home record this season, Dorchester Town manager Phil Simpkin is desperate to sign a proven goalscorer to bolster his attack.

Speaking after the Magpies had lost 2-1 to Tonbridge Angels at The Avenue Stadium on Saturday he said: "We've lost because of two very poor pieces of defending for which we are not known. I've never seen us concede goals like that!"

Defensive situations have been our strength this season without a shadow of a doubt, and today it wasn't."

In a game which Dorchester dominated, they conceded two first half goals; both following long throw-ins; in which Angels central midfielder Chris Piper had time to pick his spot.

Although Jon Garcia, starting his first game for the Magpies since sign-

ing six weeks ago, pulled a goal back within 20 seconds of the restart with a wonderful volley, Tonbridge held out despite being under almost constant pressure.

"I thought the first goal was totally against the run of play, and the second one was a comedy of errors!"

Nathan Walker was playing his first game back following a hamstring injury where he partnered Charlie Clough in the centre of defence, whilst Jake Smeeton was playing only his second game of the campaign following a leg injury that has kept him out since April, whilst Aaran Pugh filled in at right back to allow Mark Jermyn to move forward into midfield.

### incredible goal

Simpkin added: "I thought we had got back in the game when Jon Garcia scored that incredible goal and were going to get something out of it.

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"We played really well in the second-half, and with the greatest respect to Tom Warriow, who has been a great friend of mine for years, we've lost our home record to the worst side we have played here this season, which is a great shame."

Simpkin defended his decision to leave midfield schemer Ashley Nichols and striker Ben Watson on the substitute's bench and admitted that he was tempted to have left out more of his senior players.

However, with his side two down at the break he decided to introduce Nichols in place of Jake Gosling at the start of the second-half, and just after the hour Watson in place of Jordan Chiedozie, son of former Spurs player John Chiedozie, making his

debut on loan from AFC Bournemouth.

"I deliberately left Ben and Ash out because I didn't want to risk them being injured which didn't help the situation."

"Jordan had his debut today and found it a little more difficult than he thought, but they (young players) do."

"Football is physically hard but he acquitted himself okay, but we did look different with them (Nichols and Watson) on the field in the second half, and we didn't get the rub of the green, whereas before to be fair on occasions we have."

"I thought Jordan worked hard but at the end of the day it's a big jump to go from youth football at Bournemouth into this standard, but he's got a good pedigree in his dad."

"I just didn't want to risk the senior players, and if I thought I could have got away with it I would have rested

more, but we just don't have a big enough squad to do it."

### not fractured

Unfortunately skipper Mark Jermyn was injured following a clash of heads in the first-half, and although it appears that he has only suffered heavy bruising and not fractured his cheekbone as first feared, at this moment it is doubtful whether he will be fit for next week's FA Cup clash with Plymouth Argyle at The Avenue Stadium.

"I'm obviously disappointed at losing, but it's not the end of the world, and apart from Jem we have come out of it without any injuries which is a big plus."

Looking forward to the game that will be televised live on ESPN next Sunday (November 4th) kick-off 4.30pm, Simpkin said: "I'm glad the club have done so well financially out of it."

"I went to watch Plymouth at Chel-

tenham on Tuesday and was quite impressed with them. I also thought the standard of the league was higher than I thought it would be, so we know we've got a game on our hands. However I am sure we will defend better than we did!"

Simpkin admitted however that looking beyond the match against the Pilgrims, he is not so much worried about his defence, it is the lack of goals.

"It's no secret of the fact that I'm looking to strengthen in forward areas. I have spoken to the chairman who is aware of the situation."

"I've always known that it's not been a particularly strong point of our game and I'm desperate to get someone in if not two as soon as possible."

"We will definitely be bringing one in this week but he is cup tied. The other one is from a Conference Premier club and also cup tied."

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